



Boston Youth Sports News

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Working Roundtable for Coach Development

This past week, on March 16th, a local collaborative effort hosted a Working Roundtable entitled: "Youth Sport Coach Development in the U.S. today: Where can we go from here?" Organizations collaborating behind the scenes of this roundtable included BYSI, Up2Us, and Boston University. The organizers of the event sought to bring awareness to the issue of coach development in youth sports in the U.S. The panel was made up of various experts in the youth sports field:

- Judy Young - Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; NASPE & NAGWS
- Al Petitpas, EdD - Springfield College Center for Youth Development and Research Sport
- Dean Conway - Urban Coach & Educator, Mother Caroline Academy; JP Youth Soccer
- David McCann - United States Olympic Committee
- Don Hellison, PhD - University of Illinois, Chicago
- Don Siegel, EdD - Director, Project Coach, Smith College
- Eli Wolff - Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University
- Jim Thompson, MBA - Founder and Executive Director, Positive Coaching Alliance

Along with those panel members, the roundtable also included a host of attendees who are key players in the youth sports scene both locally and nationally. Throughout the half-day roundtable, attendees listened to a discussion by panel members and participated in small-group exercises to discuss the current state of coach development and future steps that can be taken. Two specific questions were examined: How could we develop a community of practice? And how do we grow a high quality, youth coach development system in this country? The groups came up with a wide range of options to answer these questions.

The most immediate follow up steps that were identified during this event include a "White paper" that will be developed by Up2Us and BUAICE to chronicle the range of ideas that can be developed, people who need to be included in this expanding discussion, and some concrete next steps to how this can work. In addition to the White paper, this discussion will continue on at a number of upcoming conferences.

Coaches Helping Athletes through Mentoring and Positive Sports

Having had a successful pilot year, CHAMPS (Coaches Helping Athletes through Mentoring and Positive Sports) is excited to be moving to their next phase.

For those of you who are not familiar with CHAMPS, they are an initiative of the Boston Foundation with the mission of providing high quality athletic opportunities to all children in Boston. Piloted in 2009, CHAMPS was officially [launched](#) on November 4th, 2010 at a special TD Garden event where Boston Celtics star, Paul Pierce, made an appearance. Other CHAMPS supporters and participants also came to the event to discuss their experiences and provide praise for the program.

In order to fulfill their mission, CHAMPS has been involved with youth sports programs by training coaches; providing sports equipment and uniforms; refurbishing fields and sports facilities; and investing in the programs. After a great success with the pilot program in 2009, the Boston Foundation is excited to broaden the positive impact of CHAMPS on the Boston youth sports scene. A new website has also recently been launched where you can learn more about CHAMPS and how to get involved.

[Check out the new CHAMPS website](#)

Grant and Funding Listings

Highlights

[ING Awards for School-Based Running Programs](#), 5/1

A minimum of fifty grants of up to \$2,500 a piece will be awarded this year to public elementary and middle schools to fund the development or expansion of school-based running programs. These awards are being offered from a partnership by ING Run For Something Better and the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE).

Eligibility requirements for the running programs include: a minimum of 25 student participants; they must run at least eight weeks in duration; and they must be related to the school in terms of when/where they take place (i.e., in p.e., recess, before or after school) and who facilitates the program (i.e., a p.e. teacher, coach, classroom teacher, or school administrator).

Visit the [NASPE](#) website for further guidelines and the application. The applications are available online and are due on **May 1st, 2011**.

Upcoming Deadlines

- > [Major League Baseball: Baseball Tomorrow Fund](#), 4/1
- > [The Harold Brooks Foundation](#), 4/1
- > [Amelia Peabody Foundation](#), 4/20

To find these listings and nearly 200 others, go to the link below and scroll alphabetically or use the keyword search and type in the organization name.

[BYSI Funding Database](#)

Resource Highlight: Let's Move Outside Initiative

Recently added to the BYSI website as a resource, is the [Let's Move Outside](#) Initiative. As part of Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Campaign, this specific initiative focuses on promoting children's physical and mental health through outdoor physical activity.

Are you interested in promoting outdoor play within your family, neighborhood, or broader community? The site for this initiative includes a searchable [database](#) to locate outdoor events, parks, forests, outdoor playgrounds in your area. The site also offers a list of [outdoor activities](#) for individuals or organizations who have an interest in getting outdoors but need help in thinking of activities.

The movement has already led to action across the states. In fact, a youth group in New Bedford, Massachusetts has been inspired by this initiative and has created a [music video](#) dedicated to persuading other teenagers to get outside and be active. Combining our nation's need for a boost in physical activity along with a growing awareness of the positive impacts of the outdoors, the Let's Move Outside Initiative is a great resource for all communities.

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JOBS

YOUTH SPORT POSITIONS

- > Assistant Soccer Coach, America SCORES
- > Site Coordinator, America SCORES
- > Aquatics Director, Boys & Girls Clubs, Camp Harbor View
- > Program Manager, Massachusetts Bicycle
- > Boston Elementary School Program Coordinator, Playworks
- > Soccer Coach, Super Soccer Stars

- > Middle School Academy Director, Tenacity
- > Youth Sports Instructor, East Boston YMCA
- > Youth Sports Instructor, Oak Square YMCA
- > Lifeguard, West Roxbury YMCA

VOLUNTEER

- > Little League Baseball Coaches, Hill House, Inc.
- > Lacrosse Coaches and General Volunteers, MetroLacrosse
- > Summer Tennis and Reading Program Intern, Tenacity

Click here for more details about the listed [Job Opportunities](#).

TRAINING/EVENTS

YOUTH SPORTS TRAININGS AND EVENTS

- > Boston Scholar Athlete Coaches Academy: Player Development, 3/29
- > Boston Scholar Athlete Coaches Academy: Program Development, 4/5
- > Boston Scholar Athlete Coaches Academy: Team Development, 4/26

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- > Leadership and the Adaptive Organization, 3/24
- > Effective Supervision, 4/5
- > National Convention for AfterSchool Professionals, 4/16-18

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[Detailed Training and Event Information](#)

The Boston Youth Sports Initiative (BYSI) promotes youth sports as a positive youth development and physical fitness approach. Working with and for Boston's urban youth sports programs and supporters, BYSI encourages, strengthens, and builds network connections, with the goals of improved information sharing, quality, scale, and sustainability in the sector. BYSI is a strategic initiative of Boston After School & Beyond, and is led by Youth Sports Coordinator Chris Lynch. A key part of the BYSI is the newsletter which is edited by Chris with Assistant Editor Janice M. Epstein.

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