

## 2017-2018 TOPSoccer Department – Joy Carter, Staff Liaison

### RECAP

#### **Programs (Clubs Participating)-**

- We added one new program: Zionsville
- Registration for TOPSoccer is up from last year by approximately 60 players throughout our state; we have also added more volunteers and the programs we have are growing stronger each month
- Zionsville Youth Soccer started their program in June 2017; they have quadrupled their numbers in that short amount of time
- Holy Cross College at Notre Dame Men's Soccer continues to support and help with the Michiana Echo TOPSoccer group; they have now added the Women's Soccer team; this program has grown tremendously and is very strong
- Indy Premier holds a athlete specific buddy course before each of their seasons to help their buddies have familiarity with their athlete

#### **Events-**

- Northeast TOPSoccer again participated in the Ohio South TOPSoccer festival in September (held in Cincinnati) with 12 athletes; Sean Addison (Indiana Soccer TOPSoccer Chair) also attended the event to get ideas for the possibility of Indiana Soccer holding a festival
- Indiana Soccer TOPSoccer helped to make the first Midwest Regional TOPSoccer event a success. We had close to 50 athletes from several states/communities participating. It was a HUGE success.
- Sean Addison and myself attended the Region II TOPSoccer symposium in IL to better educate ourselves on the program as well as get new and creative ideas to share with our programs

### Going Forward-

#### **Outlook for the next fiscal year-**

- Try to add at least one more TOPSoccer club in the southern part of our state; Update...Southern Indiana United in New Albany is going to start a TOPSoccer club
- Present at the annual meeting about starting TOPSoccer clubs and how you can start a TOPSoccer program at your club
- Increase numbers at every club

- Continue to work with Special Olympics to become more involved with their programming and encourage them to add soccer through Indiana Soccer TOPSoccer to their programming
- Try to meet with others in Region II to find the best possible avenue for marketing and promoting this fantastic program
- Make connections with other regions and share ideas to again improve our programs throughout our state

**Events-**

- Participate in local tournaments to help promote TOPSoccer; this can be accomplished through contacting the clubs directly when they are having a tournament and asking to use field space
- State Cup 2019 for all TOPSoccer teams
- Participate in the Midwest Regional TOPSoccer tournament again this year (June 2019)
- TOPSoccer certificate course in southern Indiana (New Albany)
- Try to find a way to add more competitive teams to our TOPSoccer group and start forming a TOPSoccer “league”; reach out to Special Olympics for this endeavor