

## 2014-2015 TOPSoccer Department – Joy Carter, Staff Liaison

### RECAP

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

- We added 3 new programs: Columbus Express, Michiana Echo and South Central Select
- Registration for TOPSoccer is up from last year by approximately 50 players throughout our state; we have also added over 100 volunteers with the addition of the 3 programs above and others that have joined the fold at other member clubs
- We have added another college (men's program) for the Michiana group; Holy Cross College South Bend; Coach Omar Gallo has made it his mission for his entire team to serve their community through helping with TOPSoccer
- Butler University (Dynamo) has now divided it's program to accommodate for younger players that are now participating; one group serves the youth, the other serves the adult
- HCCI (Helping Challenged Children Inc.) that donated equipment last year has agreed to continue these donations any time we have a new program that joins Indiana TOPSoccer

#### **Events-**

- Northeast TOPSoccer again participated in the Ohio South TOPSoccer festival in September (held in Cincinnati) with 12 athletes participating for both the starting group (those with less soccer skills needing one on one help from a buddy) and the most competitive group (8v8 not needing one on one assistance on the field); very successful and they will likely participate again
- Michiana Echo held their TOPSoccer buddy course at Holy Cross and had over 50 participants attend
- South Central Select held a TOPSoccer certificate course and had 12 candidates in attendance; a TOPSoccer buddy course piggybacked off of it and had 30 buddies participating in the on field training session
- Indiana Soccer held a "state cup" for TOPSoccer in conjunction with the Indiana Soccer State Cup tournament and had over 30 athletes participate from 3 different programs in our state

### Going Forward-

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

- Hope to continue our forward progress by adding more TOPSoccer clubs throughout our state

- Find ways to continue to promote our program through both state and national awareness via various organizations related to challenged adults/children
- Increase numbers at every club
- Build more recognition through Special Olympics Indiana and get more promotion from this group
- Attend the Region II TOPSoccer symposium in Michigan June 2016 to continue education on how to improve our programs throughout the state
- Make connections with other regions and share ideas to again improve our programs throughout our state

**Events-**

- Participate in the Indiana Soccer Memorial festival in May/June 2016
- State Cup 2016 for all TOPSoccer teams
- Participate in the Ohio South TOPSoccer festival and increase our numbers to this event in September 2016
- Spring TOPSoccer certificate course in central Indiana
- Start working on the possibility of having a festival in our state similar to the Ohio South festival