

2024-2025 Book of Reports – Outreach – Justin Becht

2025 was a monumental year for Indiana Futsal and the Outreach Team. Through our Futsal for All initiative, we were able to build on our mission to provide access to the game to every student in Indiana. The formation and evolution of our Outreach Team has provided a significant boost to our efforts.

Outreach Team - The Outreach Team consists of Justin Becht, Alan Brown, Jim Nickens, Mary Schalliol, Yanic McDowell, Melissa Thomas, and John Koluder. The team's mission is to put a ball in front of every child in Indiana. Utilizing our Futsal for All initiative, advocating for public play-spaces, supporting accessible programs in schools and parks, and an emphasis on adapted-play, the team is working across the state to nurture the growth of the game in under-served communities.

The Outreach Team had the privilege of presenting our outreach strategies and our Futsal for All initiative at the 2025 US Youth Soccer Grassroots Symposium in Kansas City, Missouri. The presentation was sponsored and supported by US Soccer's new Soccer Forward initiative. The event was a big success for the team to help build relationships and connections with like-minded groups across the country. Learning opportunities built around adapted play, TOPSoccer, and soccer in the schools were key to building on our mission.

Futsal for All - 2025 was a pivotal year for Futsal for All as we transitioned from "putting a ball at the foot of every child" to "putting a ball in front of every child". Integrating TOPSoccer and adapted play into our trainings, we have been able to support schools with adaptive methods and equipment.

The Outreach Team continued to build on past success to provide Futsal for All training to 20 new school districts serving 154 schools and 90,053 students in 2025. This brings our total served up to 67 school districts, 522 schools, and 315,000 students.

We continue to build on our relationship with INShape and their annual conferences. In June we hosted a workshop for PE teachers at Bloomington North High School that served 16 schools and 9,678 students. In November at the annual conference hosted in Indianapolis, we served 23 schools and 16,524 students.

Soccer Forward - Indiana Futsal and the Outreach team were honored to be the first recognized in the first Community Contributor Spotlight by Soccer Forward. The Outreach

Team worked diligently to provide multiple resources for the launch of the Soccer Forward Resource Hub. Providing documents and materials for methods to better implement soccer/futsal in schools and adapted play, the team is proud to be partners and collaborators in this nation-wide project.

Futsal in Public Spaces - Indiana Futsal's efforts to bring the game to where people have seen significant growth in public schools as well as public parks. The Indy Parks drop-in futsal program has grown to offer futsal at 10 parks across the Indianapolis area. Programs in South Bend, Greensburg, Terre Haute, Franklin Township, and Bloomington have provided access to youth and adults across Indiana. Public school futsal leagues continue to grow across the state as an accessible offering for students of all abilities. Most notably, the Indianapolis Public Schools futsal league grows with over 60 teams for elementary and junior high schools, serving both boys' and girls' divisions.