



**LIFE***sports*<sup>™</sup>

at The Ohio State University®

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**YEAR IN REVIEW**

June 2023-May 2024



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TEAM

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Our LiFEsports year of 2023-2024 was a powerful one! While delving into our annual report, we invite you to discover how LiFEsports harnesses the power of sport to equip youth for life and leadership in Central Ohio and beyond.

Over the past year, we've sustained our outreach programs and served seven communities in Ohio. Our focus on educating and training youth development professionals has been revitalized and expanded through Coach Beyond, a partnership with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) and school districts across Ohio. Coach Beyond is dedicated to training coaches throughout Ohio to support student-athlete mental health, wellness, and overall development, both on and off the field. This year, we continued to publish and lead research efforts in fields of sport-based positive youth development, coaching, and sport social work.

We hope this report inspires you to join us in our mission to make quality sport experiences accessible to youth in Central Ohio and beyond, as we continue to grow and meet increasing demand. Together we also can strengthen the overall sport system by ensuring quality in alignment with our tag-line, #morethansport!

Sincerely,

The LiFEsports Team

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## WHO WE ARE

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# MISSION

To prepare youth for life and leadership through sport.

# VISION

To be the national exemplar in sport-based positive youth development programming.

# OUR GOALS

## 1 SERVICE AND OUTREACH:

Provide quality sport-based positive youth development programming, especially to those youth from vulnerable circumstances.

- Camps
- Clinics
- Youth Leadership Academy

## 2 TEACHING AND LEARNING:

Prepare and train tomorrow's sport-based youth development workforce.

- Undergraduate & Graduate Student Experiences
- Coach Beyond partnership with OHSAA
- Student-Athlete Life and Leadership Seminars

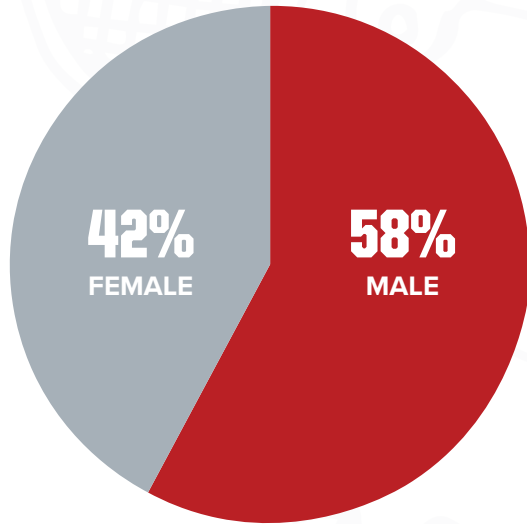
## 3 RESEARCH:

Research and share best practices in sport-based youth development.

- Student-led research
- Faculty-led research
- Dissemination of evidence-based practices to inform youth sport policy and practice

## WHO WE SERVE

### GENDER IDENTITY



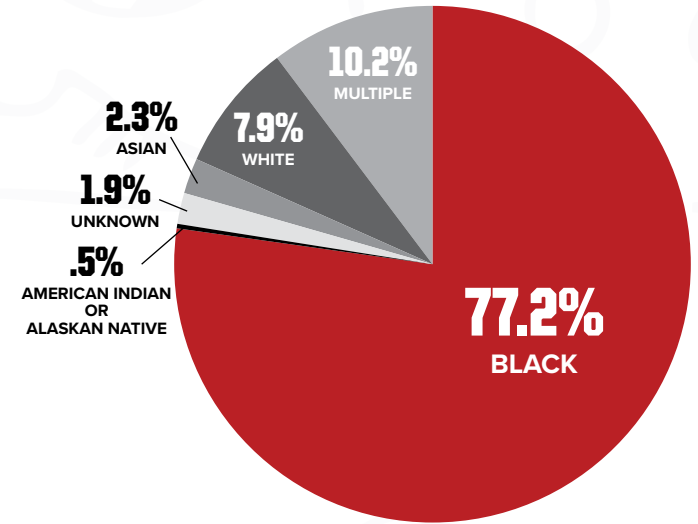
**756**

YOUTH

**76%**

LIVING IN POVERTY

### RACE



## GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

LiFEsports evolved from the National Youth Sport Program (NYSP) which operated on Ohio State's campus since the late 60's. We rebranded as LiFEsports in 2008. Since we have provided quality sports-based programming to over **11,000** youth across Central Ohio. In 2023-24 we served 756 youth through 5 summer camp programs, our year round sport clinics and the Youth Leadership Academy.

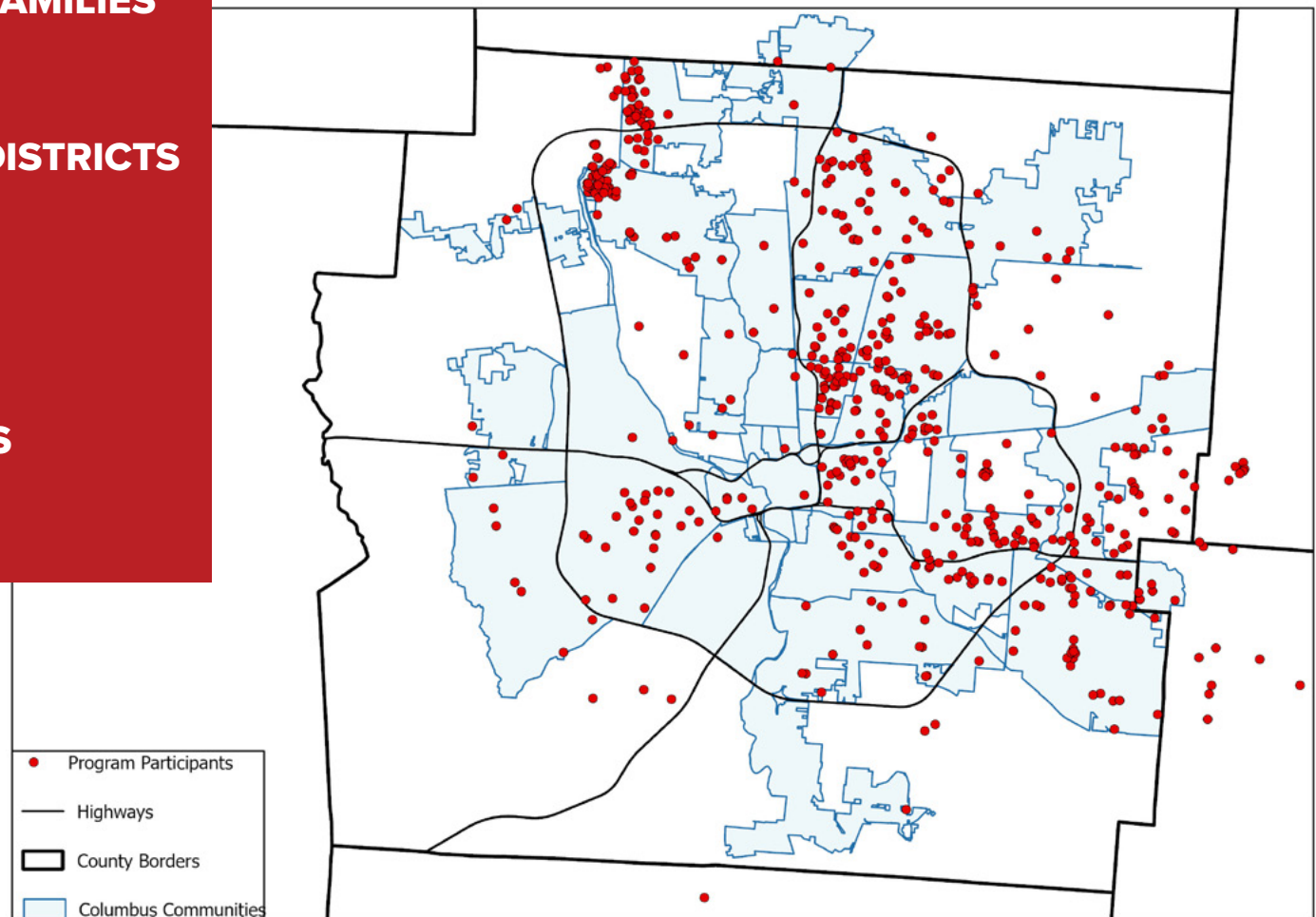
### OUR YOUTH AND FAMILIES COME FROM :

**40** SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**220** SCHOOLS

**41** ZIP CODES

### 2023 LiFEsports Participation



# CHALLENGES FACING OUR YOUTH

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Youth are facing new challenges. LiFEsports aims to be a solution. We have proven results, demonstrated through our research outcomes such as improved social and life skills, improved motivation for college and career, increased fundamental motor skills and sport competence, enhanced fitness and healthy lifestyle behaviors, and decreased risky behaviors. All of these outcomes contribute to positive outcomes for youth. LiFEsports makes a big difference!

## YOUTH SPORT ACCESS:

Low-income youth are less likely to participate in sport than their more affluent peers. Only 1 in 4 youth ages 6-12 and living in homes earning less than \$25,000 annually play a team sport (SFIA, 2023). On average, families across the U.S. are paying \$883 annually in one child's primary sport (Aspen Institute Project Play, 2022). LiFEsports promotes access to sport among underserved youth, as well as allows youth to sample multiple sports (many of which they may have never been exposed to such as tennis and lacrosse). Sport sampling is an ever-growing priority in youth sport in the United States.

## GROWING MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS:

Over the last decade, there has been a 40% increase in anxiety, depression, and thoughts of self-harm among youth in the U.S. (CDC, 2021). Schools are reporting a 20% increase in behavioral mental health concerns among students, with 63% of those in need of services in Ohio not receiving treatment (Hope Futures Campaign, 2022). LiFEsports equips youth with key social-emotional skills necessary to navigate challenging life circumstances.

## EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE:

Unfortunately crime is on the rise in Columbus. Data from 2023 documents increased incidents of crime and domestic violence (City data cited in Sheikh, 2024). The urban youth we serve are more likely to suffer from violence exposure and associated mental health concerns (i.e., anxiety) than their non-urban peers (Borg, Rabinak, & Marusak, 2021). Programs such as LiFEsports not only provide alternative activities to deter crime to keep youth safe, but also teach critical social skills to help navigate sticky social situations.

## LACK OF TRAINED COACHES:

Coaches are being asked to do more with less. We know our youth are struggling with multiple life stressors and mental health challenges, however only 18% of coaches feel highly confident in their ability to link athletes to mental health resources (National Coach Survey, 2022). LiFEsports prepares coaches to support student-athlete mental health, while also connecting youth and their families to needed community-based resources.

## MOTIVATION FOR COLLEGE/CAREER:

Only 27% of youth from Columbus City Schools enter college within two years of graduating from high school, demonstrating a need to intervene beyond the classroom and sports to improve young people's social and economic mobility (Ohio School Report Cards, 2022). LiFEsports exposes youth to careers and the college experience, as well as provides role models who exemplify their future possible selves, institute hope, and foster aspirations.

## ADDRESSING THESE CHALLENGES THROUGH OUTREACH, TEACHING, & RESEARCH

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Our outreach programs focus on teaching youth four critical social skills:

**SELF-CONTROL**

**EFFORT**

**TEAMWORK**

**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**



## ADDRESSING THESE CHALLENGES THROUGH OUTREACH, TEACHING & RESEARCH

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### **LiFEsports SUMMER CAMP**

In 2023, LiFEsports operated **7** summer camp opportunities – our traditional campus-based program and six community-based sites located at Adams Community Center, Beatty Community Center, Linden Community Center, Davis Middle School in Dublin City Schools, and Starling Pre-K – 8 School and Georgian Heights Elementary School in Columbus City Schools. Additionally, Clark State Health District operated one licensed LiFEsports Summer Camp.

### **LiFEsports CLINICS**

**18** different sport and enrichment clinics were hosted by LiFEsports both on campus and in the community. These clinics introduced youth to basketball, track, volleyball, futsal, lacrosse, art, STEM, baseball/softball, strength & conditioning, field hockey, recreational sports, ice hockey, wrestling, golf, and soccer. Clinics were done with partners such as the Ohio State Men's Soccer Team, OSU Men's and Women's Track & Field Team, Grandview Heights High School Wrestling Team, OSU Women's Lacrosse Team, For The Love Basketball, Plaskolite, Redefining Athletic Standards (RAS) at OSU, Columbus Futsal, Kenyon College Field Hockey Team, OSU Women's Club Volleyball Team, The First Tee of Central Ohio, Columbus Blue Jackets GOAL, and Flag Football Fanatics. These clinics serve as “boosters,” as relationships are continued during the academic year and youth are reinforced for applying the S.E.T.S. learned at LiFEsports year-round in other social settings, such as at school, home and in the community.





## PARENT TESTIMONIAL

“When Max was enrolled in LiFEsports he was a very confused, angry and volatile child. He was somewhat out of control in his behavior choices at home and at school. At first he would lash out at and try to run away from the counselors and/or students running the program. But something in sports combined with S.E.T.S. got through to him. He calmed down and began to participate. He took the ideals they were teaching him to heart and used them at home. A couple of times he told me, “Grandma, I am trying. That is effort, Grandma!” I overheard him telling his little sister, “We have to work together...” By the end of the session, we had a child who was willing to tell us what the problem was and compromise on a solution. He was not fighting with us and by the start of the school year, had stopped fighting at school...I strongly believe this program redirected him and saved him from who knows what...I cannot express how much I believe this program saved his future.”

Sharon Wise, Max's Grandmother







# ADDRESSING THESE CHALLENGES THROUGH OUTREACH, TEACHING & RESEARCH

## OHIO STATE'S MEN'S SOCCER TEAM FACILITATES A LiFEsports SOCCER CLINIC

Social Responsibility is not only taught at LiFEsports but also modeled. This year, our OSU Men's Varsity Soccer Team put social responsibility into action by volunteering to host a soccer clinic for LiFEsports youth. Coach Brian Maisonneuve ("Mais") and his team led youth through drills to improve not only their dribbling skills, but also their confidence with the ball. The team even took some time to show off their soccer ball control tricks! At the end of the clinic, each team member awarded a golden button to youth who went above and beyond showing S.E.T.S. throughout the clinic! Coach Mais and his team are excited to come back next year!



## LiFEsports YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (YLA)

The YLA is dedicated to preparing past LiFEsports campers who are now in high school youth for college and careers. We work on developing key skills related to communication, public speaking, and citizenship, as well as engage youth in service and leadership opportunities at LiFEsports and in the community. Some Youth Leaders also serve as junior counselors during the summer months at camps. They are the best role models!



# PREPARING SPORT LEADERS & COACHES

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LiFEsports works year-round to provide teaching and learning opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students interested in the field of sport-based positive-youth development. In addition, LiFEsports engages in outreach to prepare current practitioners, including coaches, athletic directors, volunteers, and parents/caregivers, on best practices in PYD. We also provide learning opportunities for high school student-athletes to facilitate life and leadership skill development through sport.

## UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENT EXPERIENCES

228 students engaged in internships, coursework, volunteer events, research and/or employment. Additionally, 49 OSU student-athletes gave back to their community through experiences with LiFEsports this year! We even had some past OSU student-athletes give back, such as Katie Smith (serves on our Advisory Council), Cardale Jones and Lorenzo Styles Sr. (hosted a fundraiser), and Maurice Claurett (spoke at an event). Coach Kevin McGuff, OSU Women's Basketball Coach, also created a Public Service Announcement to spread the word about LiFEsports and the value of sport and "coaching beyond."

## COACH TRAINING

Our Coach Beyond Initiative, a partnership with the OHSAA and 17 partner school districts across the state, continues to provide free and accessible coach trainings on PYD across Ohio. Since June of 2023, our team has trained 7,500 coaches. Further, through our online webinars, in-person trainings, and online mental health training, we've reached coaches in 191 Ohio school districts – that is 31% of districts across the state! Coaches attending our trainings report a 50% to 60% increase in knowledge, skills, or awareness related to helping youth develop life and leadership skills through sport. Now, in an exciting endeavor, we will expand our Coach Beyond work to three additional states: Maryland, Indiana, and Kansas.

## STUDENT-ATHLETE LIFE AND LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

In the 2023-2024 school year, the Coach Beyond team engaged in partnerships with Granville Exempted School District, New Albany-Plain Local Schools, Worthington Kilbourne High School, Hamilton Township High School, Hilliard City Schools, and Circleville School District to implement our Life and Leadership Through Sport curriculum. At each school, student-athletes were nominated to participate in the small-group programming. Session topics mirrored our coach trainings and were gamified to help student-athletes learn new skills, manage stress and pressures associated with sport, and excel in sport, school and life.



## LIFE & LEADERSHIP THROUGH SPORT

In partnership with Coach Beyond and with funding from the Hillsdale Foundation, Granville Exempted Village Schools' Athletic Department launched the Granville Athletics Mental Performance Initiative (GAMPI) this year. Using a three-pronged approach, GAMPI engages student-athletes, coaches, and parents/caregivers in trainings and sessions to improve the overall student-athlete sport experience. To date, GAMPI has hosted three parent/caregiver education sessions, six Coach Beyond trainings, six student-athlete Life and Leadership through Sport Series trainings, and small group Headspace Huddles. Sessions focused on learning effective strategies for managing stress, creating healthy sleep habits, building team cohesion, and improving mental performance on and off the field. More than 250 student-athletes (1/3 of the entire high school student population) participated. Hear student-athletes share their positive Headspace experiences by scanning the QR code. This work will carry forward into the next academic year!





## DISCOVERING WHAT WORKS

What makes LiFEsports stand apart from traditional sports-based youth development programs is our specific focus on understanding how and why youth development programs and sports impact youth. Each year LiFEsports works to engage faculty, staff, and students from both OSU and partner universities in research and evaluation studies.



## RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT BY THE NUMBERS





## COACH BEYOND



In 2023, LiFEsports faculty, staff, and students, as well as members of our Coach Beyond State Team, published an innovative paper using a community-based participatory research (CBPR) approach to co-design and pilot trainings on mental health for coaches. The paper, published in the *International Journal of Sport Sciences and Coaching*, describes two years of public impact and social change efforts to improve coach education and training in Ohio. We want to coach “beyond the Xs and Os.” Our “Coach Beyond” processes and outputs showcase how CBPR can lead to transformative action and social change to re-orient sport as a context focused on the holistic health, wellness, and development of student-athletes.

## SYDNEY MACK



Sydney Mack, a PhD student in the OSU College of Social Work, defended her Master’s thesis in 2023. Mack’s thesis, entitled “Coach’s Corner: An Exploration of Coach Stress, Burnout, and Need-Supportive Coaching Strategies,” utilized data from 353 coaches to explore relationships among experiences of stress, burnout, and need-supportive coaching behaviors. Mack’s findings revealed coaches are experiencing high levels of stress but low to moderate levels of burnout. Additionally, while stress and burnout were negatively correlated with need-supportive coaching behaviors, only burnout predicted coaches’ use of these coaching behaviors. Results suggest that reducing stress and decreasing risks for burnout among coaches may be one way to support the development of life and leadership skills among youth – after all, coaches are the linchpins of cultivating positive experiences through sport!

## PROMOTING POSITIVE SOCIAL SKILLS AMONG YOUTH

### LiFEsports Campus and Community Sites – Growth in S.E.T.S.

#### Pre- and Post-Camp Perceptions Among Campus and Community LiFEsports Participants

■ Pre-Test ■ Post-Test



Note. Scores reflect campers who reported room to grow on each of our S.E.T.S. items.

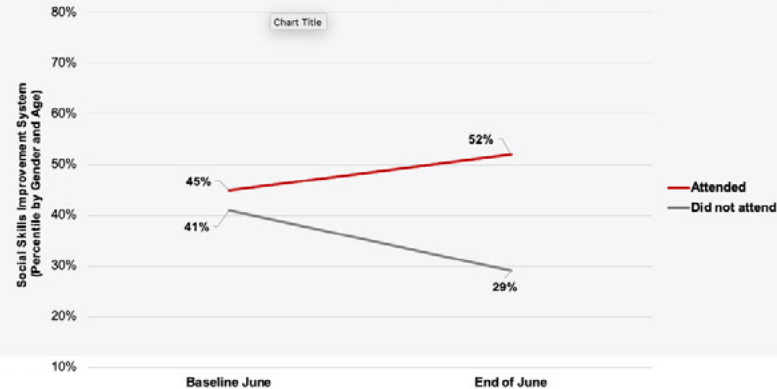
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### LiFEsports+ Dublin: Caregiver Perceptions Social Skills Improvement System (SSIS): Randomized Control Time Series Design

Caregiver Perceptions of Social Skills (N = 96)

Attended LiFEsports in June (n = 49)

Did not attend LiFEsports in June (n = 45)

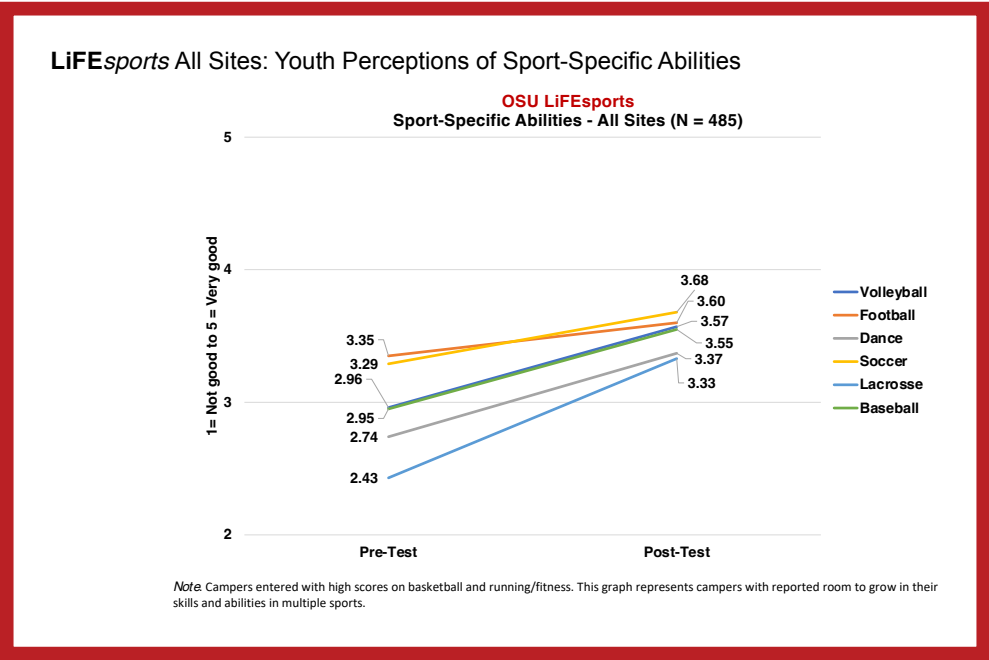


INCREASING ACCESS TO SPORT

756 YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN:

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different sports at LiFEsports. An additional 262 community youth joined us at year-round sport and enrichment clinics. Data suggest that youth are not only gaining more access but also growing in their perceptions of sport-ability (a key determinant of future sport participation). We love exposing young people in Central Ohio to the power of sport!





# INCREASING COLLEGE ENROLLMENT & CAREER ASPIRATIONS FOR OUR YOUTH

**79%** of youth in LiFEsports reported their “involvement in LiFEsports made me want to go to college.”

**100%** of Youth Leaders reported, “I am confident I could be accepted to college.”



## ZOE DIXON

Each year our Youth Leadership Academy is home to some of the best and brightest past LiFEsports campers. Zoe Dixon, a current high school junior and past camper, has shown tremendous growth as an individual and as a team player during her time with LiFEsports.

Zoe voiced frustration after working as a junior counselor her first summer, as she struggled with the skillset to handle situations that arose between some of the younger LiFEsports youth. Zoe took it upon herself to volunteer at multiple sports clinics throughout the academic year to better her skills with the younger youth. Armed with a greatly improved skillset, Zoe excelled in the role of junior counselor. This past year Zoe was elected by her peers to be the President of the YLA. In this capacity, Zoe has worked with the executive committee and other Youth Leaders to ensure the goals and projects align with the mission and vision of YLA and LiFEsports.

While Zoe started out her time with YLA as a shy freshman looking for guidance, she has developed over the past three years into a confident young woman with the leadership skills to not only pave her own path to her future goals, but also to help her support other Youth Leaders in the program.

“Over the past three years, my involvement in the Youth Leadership Academy has taught me the power of community, leadership, and the importance of empowering youth to reach their full potential. Witnessing their growth and resilience has deeply impacted me.”

Zoe Dixon



## IMPROVING THE SKILLS OF SCHOOL-BASED COACHES IN OHIO

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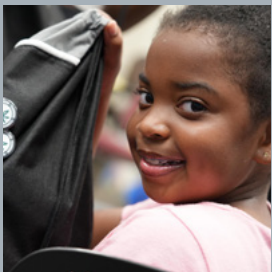
In October 2023, Coach Beyond's online mental health training was approved by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addition Services. In alignment with House Bill 33, this training now serves as a premier mental health training for coaches every time they renew their Pupil Activity Permit. To date, over 2,000 coaches have completed this online training in Ohio. Subsequently, our team began a partnership with the United States Council for Athletes' Health (USCAH) to extend the reach of this online training to coaches nationally. Over the next two years, this training will be free to 25,000 U.S. coaches through USCAH's Athletic Health Space platform. Thanks in part to the Susan Crown Exchange, a foundation out of Chicago that funds Coach Beyond, LiFEsports continues to serve as a national exemplar and innovator in the field of sport-based positive youth development.

## SINCE 2009 LiFEsports HAS RECEIVED BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION FROM:

- **2012** NSLA Excellence in Summer Learning Award
- **2018** Ohio State University's Distinguished Community Engagement Award
- **2020** W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Award
- **2020** Aspen Institute Project Play Champion
- **2021** American Camp Association Accreditation
- **2022** National Youth Sport Strategy Champion
- **2022** National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Community Service Award
- **2023** Ohio State University Program of Excellence in Engaged Scholarship

## OUR OPPORTUNITIES

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### MEETING COMMUNITY DEMAND

Over the past five years, LiFEsports has expanded from one camp to five. Despite this growth, there is continued demand for programming. Each year we have a waitlist! We've hence developed a licensed program model to allow community organizations, schools, and other colleges/universities to implement the LiFEsports model. Additional partnerships and funding are needed to meet the demand. As we move into the next year, we will test this licensed program model with programs in Utah and at the University of Maryland-College Park. We can't wait to learn what works!



### COLLEGE/CAREER PROGRAMMING

Our Youth Leadership Academy annually engages 40 diverse youth in leadership development programming. Currently most volunteer during summer camps as junior counselors. Given many of these youth are low-income, we are looking for additional ways to stipend and/or pay Youth Leaders for their time during the summer. This would allow more youth to participate in this programming instead of having to find summer work.

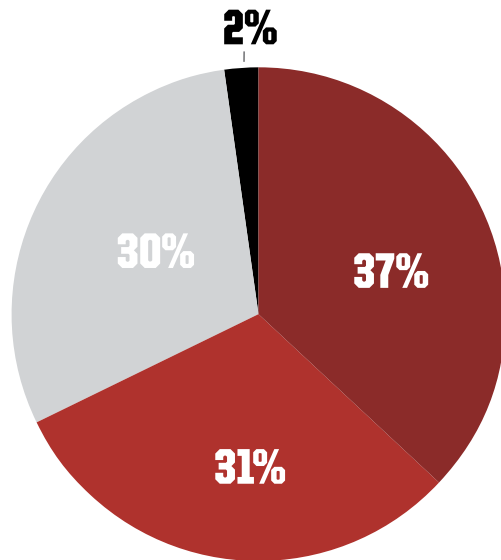


### SUSTAINING COACH EDUCATION

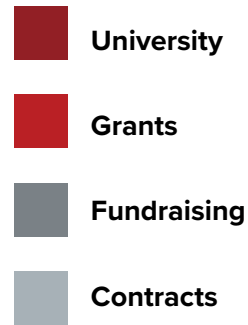
Our coach education program, Coach Beyond, is funded through a time-limited grant from the Susan Crown Exchange. As this grant comes to an end, our team along with OHSAA are working to secure additional funding to ensure our coach education offerings can be provided free of cost to local sport organizations, schools and other youth-serving organizations. We are looking for partners to help us extend this work!



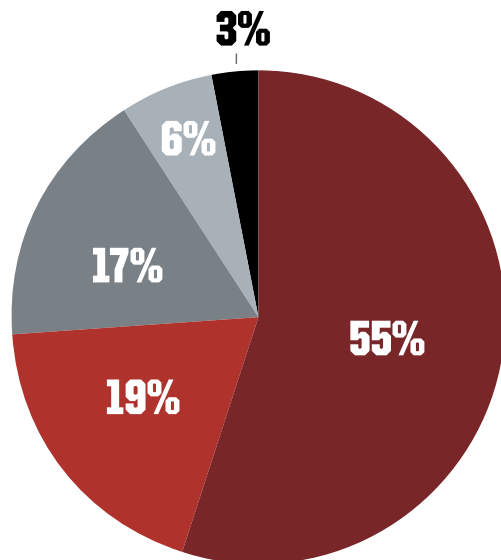
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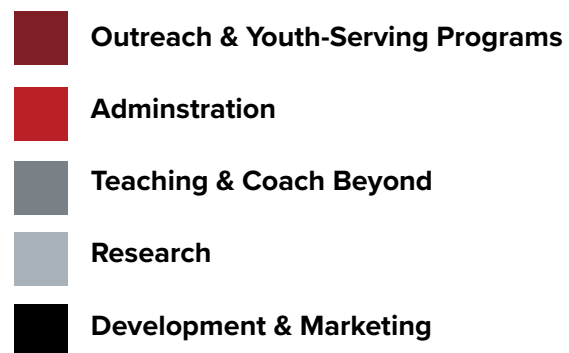
## SOURCES OF INCOME



Total: \$1,337,498



## MAJOR EXPENSES









# ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(June 2023 to May 2024)

## Hall of Fame (\$50,000+)

Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health (ADAMH)  
Board of Franklin County  
City of Columbus, Department of Recreation  
& Parks  
Columbus City Schools  
Franklin County Jobs and Family Services  
Hillsdale Foundation  
Ohio Department of Mental Health &  
Addiction Services  
Ohio State University, Department of Athletics  
Ohio State University, College of Social Work  
Ohio State University, Department of  
Recreational Sports  
Susan Crown Exchange  
The Lindy Infante Foundation

## Champion (\$25,000)

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## MVP (\$10,000)

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## Rookie (\$750)

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The work of LiFEsports would not be possible without the countless hours of time given by our over 192 volunteers who mentor youth, fundraise, provide strategic expertise and guidance, support research, provide internships for our students, market our programs, contribute financially, and more!

**Thanks to our large LiFEsports Family!**



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