



Tim Richey

Chief Operating Officer

Tim Richey, 40, is chief operating officer for Think Detroit PAL, one of the largest non-profit urban youth programs in the nation. Think Detroit PAL was formed on March 1, 2006, by the merger of two of the leading youth development organizations in the Detroit area: Think Detroit, Inc. and the Detroit Police Athletic League (PAL). Think Detroit PAL serves nearly 12,000 young people annually through athletic, academic, and leadership development programs.

Prior to his appointment to chief operating officer, Richey served as Think Detroit PAL's director of programs from March 2007 to October 2010. As director of programs, Richey managed 6 civilians, 5 Detroit Police Officers, and more than 1,400 volunteers to deliver outstanding athletic, academic, and leadership development programming to Think Detroit PAL's 12,000 participants. He also served as co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, responsible for setting long-term direction in order to ensure the nonprofit's sustainability and success.

Richey also served as the director of youth development, from July 2005, and as the athletic commissioner with Think Detroit, Inc., from June 2001.

Before his work with Think Detroit, Inc. and Think Detroit PAL, Richey was the co-founder of the Detroit Youth Soccer League. It was the very first youth soccer league in the City of Detroit affiliated with the United States Youth Soccer Association. He helped build the league from 20 youths playing on two teams at one park to 750 youths playing on 60 teams in 5 Detroit city parks.

Richey earned his Bachelors degree from Michigan State University where he played on Michigan State University's soccer team for four years. He is vice president of the St. Hedwig's Coalition, a member many community groups including the Chandler Park Promise Coalition and also is a Certified Youth Sports Administrator.