



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE—BECOME A COACH!

Think Detroit PAL counters the challenging environment in which our children grow up by delivering youth sports programs that provide a positive developmentally-appropriate environment, and healthy relationships with caring role models who coach their teams. Particularly in distressed neighborhoods in which TDP is most active, it does not take many role models to make a tremendously-positive impact on the life of a child.

When delivered well, youth sport programs have tremendous potential to deliver great results to children. For example:

- An overwhelming number of studies through the 1990s documented tremendous drops in juvenile crime as a direct result of youth recreation programs, ranging from 10% in Cincinnati, OH, to 28% in Fort Myers, FL;
- Girls who participate in sports are 92% less likely to get involved with drugs, 80% less likely to have an unwanted pregnancy, and three times more likely to graduate from high school.



As a volunteer coach with Think Detroit PAL, you'll be a part of great youth sports programs. And it is easy to sign up. Every coach needs to meet two requirements:

- Pass a national criminal background check; and
- Complete Think Detroit PAL IMPACT coach training on how to most effectively work with kids.

Think of it this way: kids will pick up things and throw them. You can determine whether they pick up stones and throw them through windows, or pick up balls and throw them to other kids ready to catch them.

Interested in becoming a force for good? Just log on to the website at www.thinkdetroitpal.org, or call our office, at 313-833-1600.