

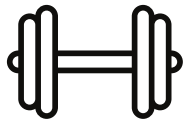
AGENDA TO TRANSFORM YOUTH SPORTS

THE CENTER

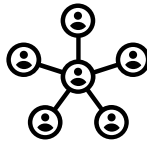
AT THE **CENTER FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE THROUGH SPORT**, WE BELIEVE THAT UNDERNEATH THE FUN AND CAMARADERIE, SPORT CAN BE USED AS A VEHICLE TO PROVIDE CREATIVE AND ACCESSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF SOCIETY'S BIGGEST ISSUES.

THE AGENDA

AT ITS CORE, THE AGENDA TO TRANSFORM YOUTH SPORT IS A TOOL FOR **MOVEMENT-BUILDING**. IT OUTLINES A FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE OF HEALTHY YOUTH SPORT AT A LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND SYSTEMS-LEVEL.



Local organizations can use the agenda to add legitimacy and leverage to the work they are already doing.



National organizations can use the agenda to prioritize systems-level change.



Funders can use the agenda to align their priorities and processes.

THE AUTHORS

THIS LIVING DOCUMENT WILL ALWAYS REPRESENT THE WORK HAPPENING IN REAL-TIME IN CITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. WE COMMIT TO ENSURING THAT THE AGENDA IS DRAFTED BY ONGOING INPUT FROM THOSE WHO ARE EXPERTS IN THE FIELD: **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND YOUTH SPORTS LEADERS**.

THE VALUES

THE CENTER FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE THROUGH SPORTS BELIEVES ALL SPORT SHOULD BE HEALING SPORT. WE BELIEVE THAT SPORT INFLUENCES SOCIETY, SOCIETY INFLUENCES SPORT AND WE SHOULD ACT ACCORDINGLY. WE STRIVE TO FOLLOW COMMUNITY LEAD AND INCREASE COMMUNITY POWER. THIS AGENDA DRIVES OUR WORK JUST AS WE WORK TO SITUATE IT TO DRIVE THE WORK OF THE FIELD.



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STATEMENTS

SPORT IS UNIQUELY SITUATED TO HELP KIDS HEAL AND THRIVE.

We must redesign the delivery of all youth sports, everywhere, to maximize sports' inherent developmental and healing qualities.

A HEALING SPORTS SYSTEM AND A MORE JUST SOCIETY ARE INTERCONNECTED.

We must work inside and outside the sports system to change the conditions that prevent kids, families, and communities from accessing and participating in high-quality, healing sports.

CALLS TO ACTION FOR YOUTH SPORTS

1

HOLD OURSELVES (COACHES, PROGRAMS, PARENTS, AND ORGANIZATIONS) ACCOUNTABLE FOR HEALING NOT HARMING.

What this could look like: Create a universal system of accountability for youth sports by advocating for local and federal government oversight of youth sports; Develop coach and program standards and accreditation; Advocate for government oversight of coaching standards that focus on healing-centered, developmentally appropriate metrics.

2

ORGANIZE AT A LOCAL LEVEL.

What this could look like: Inform and incubate community-led organizing efforts.

3

MODERNIZE FUNDING MECHANISMS SO THAT INVESTMENT MATCHES POTENTIAL IMPACT.

What this could look like: Partner with and educate public and private funders.

4

CALL OUT AND DISMANTLE HARMFUL AND EXCLUSIONARY POWER STRUCTURES THAT ARE PERPETUATED BY AND THROUGH SPORT AND WORK TO BUILD NEW SYSTEMS CENTERED ON EQUITY AND ACCESS.

What this could look like: Support and inform local and federal policy that impact access and equity (land use agreements, public funding priorities, etc); Speak out and organize against racist, sexist, and transphobic policies that create or increase barriers to access and participation in sport.



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