



FFC Quarterly | Q2 News & Updates

Building Momentum: Strengthening Youth Sports Through Leadership & Partnership

As we move through 2026, Fight For Children continues to invest in what matters most: expanding access to youth sports while strengthening the ecosystem behind it. From leadership development to meaningful partnerships and on-the-ground programming, we are excited to share our commitment to building a more equitable and impactful future for young people in this edition of our Quarterly.

In Action: Early Access to Sports with the Alzner Foundation



For two weeks in March, youth in our Early Access to Sports program at Garfield Elementary (Ward 8) participated in a two-week floor hockey experience made possible through a strong community partnership.

With support from the **Alzner Foundation, Washington Capitals (Monumental Sports), and Friends of Fort Dupont**, students were introduced to a sport that is often out of reach in underserved communities. The program was led by Coaches Jason Neidert and Bryan King, with a special appearance from former Capitals player **Karl Alzner**, who joined the youth on the floor during two sessions.

This collaboration highlights how partners, resources, and community can come together to create meaningful opportunities for young people.

See the full recap here!

Partnerships That Drive Impact



As a collaborative organization, Fight For Children is built on the power of partnerships. We work closely with community leaders, schools, FFC Youth Sports Collaborative members, and nonprofit partners to expand access to high-quality youth sports experiences.

Equally important are the partners who invest in making this work possible. Their support goes beyond funding programs—it helps drive long-term impact across our community by expanding access, strengthening youth experiences, and creating opportunities that support academic success, build life skills, and promote positive outcomes.

We're excited to share a few of our recent funding partners:

- **MOVE Fund** supports youth sports networks across the country and FFC was selected during their competitive process to receive a two-year grant which will support all of our FFC Youth Sports Collaborative initiatives. See the announcement [HERE](#)
- **Bender Foundation** has made a meaningful three-year commitment to support our work, including a shared focus on expanding access to sports and play in under resourced neighborhoods through our Early Access to Sports program.
- **Coca-Cola Consolidated** is sponsoring our Youth Sports Town Hall, and providing in-kind resources for our upcoming Mindfulness Retreat for our members.

Together, these partners are helping create more opportunities for young people to play, grow, and thrive.

Member Spotlight: Life Pieces to Masterpieces



In 2026, we welcomed three new organizations into the [FFC Youth Sports Collaborative](#). This quarter, we're spotlighting one of them: **Life Pieces To Masterpieces**.

For nearly 30 years, Life Pieces has been empowering Black and Brown boys and young men in Wards 7 and 8 through a powerful mix of mentorship, creative expression, and leadership development. Their **“each one teach one”** model helps young people build character and become leaders in their communities.

This spring, they're expanding into a new headquarters at THEARC and launching **Basketball and Beyond**, which integrates sports with academic and leadership development.

Their work is a strong example of what's possible when youth are supported both on and off the field.

Visit their website

What's Ahead

Youth Sports Day – August 15, 2026

Mark your calendars! **Youth Sports Day returns** on August 15—bringing together youth, families, and organizations from across the region for a day of play, connection, and opportunity.

We look forward to another powerful celebration of what's possible when young people have access to sports. Learn more about Youth Sports Day [here!](#)



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