

Note from the Director

I wanted to introduce myself to everyone. My name is Darin Keizer. I took over the position of Director this summer and am excited to work with you to transform the lives of our student athletes and the teams that they encounter. I think it continues to transform athletic departments as we engage in intentional conversations, develop more resources, and challenge our ways of thinking in high school sports! I would love to hear from all of you about your experiences and gain insight to what is working for you and some of the testimonies of your teams and athletes!



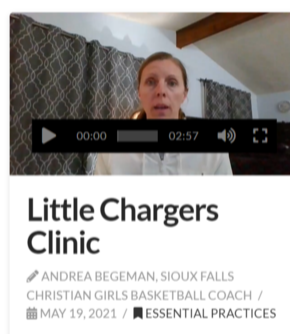
Coaching Mentorship

At CFT, we believe in the "power of the team." Being on a team means we are stronger together than we are on our own. Every coach needs a mentor in his or her life; a person who has walked the same road as you but perhaps a little longer. Our Lead Coach program is exactly that, a mentorship program. CFT has hired mentors (we call them Lead Coaches) to walk alongside coaches throughout the year. Our Lead Coaches specialize in four areas: Faith Infusion, Team/Culture Building, Internal/External Communication, and Program Management. Our Lead Coach program will begin December 1. To get connected with a Lead Coach or to learn more about our Lead Coach program, please contact Joel Penner (Director of Coach Development) at joel.penner@cace.org.

"Having this CFT mentorship has been such a huge blessing for me. Jess has given me so many ideas to help me lead my team in a better way. She is so invested not only in the growth of my team but also my personal growth as well. She is someone I fully trust, that I know has my best interest in mind, and has wisdom from similar past experiences that I am walking through right now. Every time we talk I leave feeling refreshed and excited to cultivate a positive, life-giving environment for my team." - Tiffany Stubbs, Girls Basketball Coach, Southwest Christian

From the Game Plan: Little Charger's Clinic

The design and implementation of your Game Plan goes far beyond the court or field. Check out how Sioux Falls Christian creates an impactful experience for their student athletes, young campers, and recipients of their generosity [here](#).



Playbook Resource: Fillable PDF Assessments

New to our website - now all of our Assessments are fillable PDF's! Simply download the assessment that you would like use and send it out to your coaches, athletes or parents to fill out, instead of using paper copies. We hope this makes it easier for you to distribute, fill out, and collect this valuable feedback. Check it out [here](#).

Program Highlight: Quarterly Cohorts

During the pilot year of CFT, the Leadership Team was able to have regular zoom meetings with all the Athletic Directors to touch base with each other, share highlights and struggles in their athletic departments, and walk together in creating Game Plans and implementing them in their schools. This community, or Power of the Team as we like to call it, is a resource that we want to further develop, so we are creating quarterly cohort zoom meetings that will provide time and space for just that. You should have received an email and calendar invitation from Lindsey Van Schepen with dates and a zoom link for your yearly cohort. If you did not receive this information, please reach out to her. We know your schedules are busy, but we hope to see you for this valuable time!

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