

## Project Proposal

The growth and popularity of organized youth sports are very different today than they were 25 years ago. Parents have more sports options to put their children in and they can get them registered as early as three years old. Many parents see organized sports as a source of important developmental experiences in their children's lives. Parents feel that getting their kids more involved in organized sports can contribute to them learning how to work in groups, build friendships, keep them busy and out of trouble, as well as keeping them healthy and in shape. Parents also see youth sports as an opportunity to help pay for college tuition. Getting their children involved in organized sports early will allow them to train and will give them a better opportunity to make it to the college level.

Sports Link is a website that will centralize all youth sports information based on the sport and the county. It will house registration information, costs and other fees associated with the sport, the location of registration and other information that parents will need to help them in their search for an organization.

My objective is to create a prototype of a website that will consolidate all youth sports organizations in one location. I will use Douglas County as the tester county, and I will focus on basketball for my final project. The site is intended to make it easier for coaches, players, parents, and other members of the community to locate information involving youth sports in their area. There are so many different organizations and so many different sports opportunities for the youth to participate in, and this site will allow the user to find out what is offered in their area by looking at one website instead of having to search multiple sites.