MLS Youth Soccer

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Topics

- Changing the Culture
- Developing the Environment
- The Role of YSC Academy
- Bridging the Gap – 18’s to First Team
Topics

THE VISION
Evolution of a Fully Integrated Player Development Program
* CFJ
* PDL
* Academy

ONCE ESTABLISHED
* Successes
  - draft
  - wins
  - championships

RE-EVALUATION PROCESS
  - not good enough
  - need to go younger
  - need to develop a more intelligent player that can solve problems
  - creativity is more than technical and dribbling!!!!
Topics

• Over Arching Goals of MLS Youth Teams
• Youth Development: Outcome v Process
• Long Term Development Plan
• Opportunities for both genders
• Community