

Building a Strong Foundation for a Softball Program

Personal

Have support from home (understanding spouse)
Be true to what you believe
Set goals each year (for yourself & program)
Demonstrate confidence in your ability to lead the program
There is always a way!
Stop complaining!

Skills Development

Start a video library, Internet site list
Clinic for LL coaches
High School Team clinic for Minors & Majors
Big Hits Summer Camp
Winter Clinics
March Sunday Skills Clinic
Sunday morning Pitching Clinics
College Team Clinics
Guest Speakers

Parent Involvement

Develop a booster program - but be sure you have a strong voice
Enlist help for field prep
Road game meals
Team Dinners
Meet with parents and lay out expectations
Community Involvement
LL Evaluations
Go to Little League, All Star games, practices
6th Grade Helpers
Announce at the games

Program Philosophy

Give everyone an opportunity
Use more than one pitcher
Raise Expectations

Program Development

Meet with all school team coaches
Develop a program coaching book
Coach A Summer Travel Team
Use volunteer coaches
Alumni Face book Site
Team Web Site
Pre-season Florida Trip
Program Book
Invest in your field - Scoreboard, dugouts, intercom system, lights
Invest in equipment - batting cage, exercise equipment, hitting tools