



Y Buckeye Bulletin

A Newsletter for the Ohio Alliance of YMCAs

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Fayette County Names New CEO

The Fayette County Family YMCA has named Jaclyn White as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective June 10. Selected by the Y's Board of Directors following a five-month search, White will succeed Doug Saunders, who is stepping down on February 16. In her new role, White will be responsible for developing and implementing a strategic plan, continuing the current sound fiscal management of the Y, leading the staff, improving operating performance, and improving the position of the Y as a vital partner for community change.



Board Chair Kim Pittser said: "During our search for a new CEO, we looked at candidates from throughout the country, but Jaclyn White stood out from among the rest. Her energy and vision for the Fayette County YMCA is exactly what we are looking for in a leader. With White's experience at multiple YMCA's around the United States and passion for health and community impact, we are convinced the Fayette County Family YMCA will have fantastic leadership for years to come."

"I am thrilled to join the Fayette County Family YMCA and return to my hometown in Fayette County," said Jaclyn White. "I look forward to bringing my experience in working with Y's across the country to Fayette County, and having a positive impact in this YMCA to build a stronger, healthier, and thriving community."

White comes to the Fayette County Family YMCA with fourteen years of experience in leadership roles at several YMCAs, currently serving at the Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA in Ocean Springs, where she has been the Health & Wellness Director for the past two years. While there she broadened the Y's membership through specialized offsite programming that targets underserved areas, and facilitated a \$40,000 Group Exercise renovation and a \$140,000 equipment upgrade. Prior to this, White served as Health and Wellness Director at the Goldsboro Family YMCA in North Carolina, where she led several evidence-based health initiatives, such as the Diabetes Prevention Program. She has also served as the Health and Wellness Director at the YMCA of Honolulu, Hawaii. She holds a bachelor's degree in Exercise Biology from Wright State University.

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

2024 OHIO YMCAs LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

March 20-21, 2024

**Renaissance Columbus
Downtown Hotel**



[Click here](#) to register for the conference.

[Click here](#) to apply for scholarship funds.

[Click here](#) to nominate a colleague or volunteer for a Leadership Award.
We will be presenting awards in these categories:

- Outstanding Leader - Healthy Living
- Outstanding Leader - Youth Development
- Outstanding Leader - Social Responsibility
- Outstanding Leader - Member Support Services
- Rookie of the Year
- Branch Executive of the Year
- CEO of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year

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HELLO INSIGHT RESOURCES

[Hello Insight](#) has been serving youth in Ohio YMCAs for the past two years. As a part of their partnership with us, they offer periodic webinars to bring participants together to share their experiences and learn more about the program. The last webinar, which was held on Wednesday, February 6th, focused on Peer Learning.

[Click here](#) for a copy of the Hello Insight's 2023 Summary. (Slides 16, 19, and 20 were reviewed at the February 6th meeting.)

Catch up on previous presentations, including an Overview and Pre-Report Review, the Promoting Peer Bonds session from November, and the most recent meeting, which included guest speaker Paige Kennedy from the Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality [here](#).

Any youth-serving program staff is welcome to join Hello Insight meetings. Upcoming webinars include:

April 16th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. — [Getting Ready for Program End Surveys](#)

June 12 from 10-11 a.m. — [Program End Report Review](#)

(Click the link to access the Zoom meeting.)

Power of Data: "Mad Libs" Examples

- **Impact**
 - Across our Y programs in Ohio, we have supported more than **85%** of elementary age young people develop their social and emotional learning (SEL) capacities. In particular, **58%** of young people developed specifically in **Academic Self-Efficacy**, which is a critical SEL asset for better jobs, stronger academic achievement, as well as health and wellness. ([CASEL](#), 2023)
 - While **85%** of elementary young people were successful in at least one SEL capacity, nearly two-thirds (**64%**) of young people were successful in **2 or more** SEL capacities -- demonstrating how we go deep with young people.

Power of Data: For Professional Development 2023

RESEARCH-BASED PRACTICES	YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVED
PROMOTE PEER BONDS 10/10 POTENTIAL FOR IMPACT 79/100 IMPLEMENTATION SCORE	74%
ENGAGE AUTHENTICALLY 6/10 83/100	70%
EXPAND INTERESTS 5/10 65/100	69%
Create a sense of team or group identity	68%

- **PYD Practices**
 - Focus on **Lower Scores** for improvement
 - How can these PYD practices be more evident in our program/activities?
- **Goal Setting for Improvement**
 - What areas do we want improve and why and by how much?
 - In what areas can you provide professional development supports?

PRAESIDIUM ACCREDITATION

OHIO YS SEEK PRAESIDIUM ACCREDITATION

Several YMCAs in Ohio have gone through the training to receive their Praesidium accreditation.

What is Praesidium?

Praesidium's mission is *to help you protect those in your care from abuse and to help preserve trust in your organization*. Praesidium Accreditation is a standardized, consistent, and objective process that allows organizations to publicly demonstrate their commitment to abuse prevention.

Did you know?

Praesidium Accreditation does not just ensure that your Y meets the highest standards in abuse prevention; it also helps your Y maintain a sustained culture of safety. In short, you'll want to ensure that the time, hard work, and resources your team invests in the Praesidium Accreditation process results in lasting change that will continue to protect your Mission for years to come.

Benefits to Accreditation include:

- Impact on Preventing Abuse
- Increasing Healing for Survivors
- Protect Your Mission and Reduce Liability
- Favorable Insurance Coverage
- Verification of Abuse Prevention Practices

Y-USA is covering the fees for 100 Y Associations to become Accredited in 2024!

Only 100 Y's can go through the process, and spots fill up quickly. The Praesidium Accreditation roll-out will be broken into four cohorts:

- Cohort 6 - Begins April 2024
- Cohort 7 - Begins August 2024
- Cohort 8 - Begins October 2024

[Apply Today](#) to Join a Cohort and Reserve Your Spot!

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Ohio Alliance of YMCAs 2024 Meeting Dates

Neighborhood CEO Meetings

	January (Virtual)	April (In Person)	August (Virtual)	December (In Person)
Northeast	1/9 10-11 am	4/9 10 am – 12 pm	8/6 10-11 am Zoom Link	12/10 10 am-12 pm
Northwest	1/9 11:30-12:30 pm	4/10 10 am – 12 pm	8/6 11:30-12:30 pm Zoom Link	12/11 10 am- 12 pm
South/Central	1/10 11:00 – 12:00 pm	4/11 10 am – 12 pm	8/7 11:00 – 12:00 pm Zoom Link	12/12 10:00-12:00

Statewide CEO Meetings

Statewide CEO/CVO Meeting	February 7 10 am – 12 pm
Statewide CEO Meeting	June 14 (location TBD) 10 am – 2 pm
Statewide CEO Conference	September 26-27 Nationwide Event Center, Lewis Center, OH

Ohio YMCAs Events/Opportunities

Ohio YMCAs Leadership Conference	March 20-21 Columbus, OH
Leadership Academy Cohort 4	Launches August 2024
Ohio YMCAs Child Care Summit	Fall 2024 (date TBD) Columbus, OH

National Meetings

National Advocacy Days	February 12-14 Washington, DC
NAYDO	April 3-6 Denver, CO
Mid-Major Ys CEO/CVO Meeting	September 10-13 Alabama
EMLE	October 2-4 South Hampton Roads, VA
YNAN Ys CEO/CVO Meeting	October 8-11 Tampa, FL

Statewide Peer Community Virtual Meetings
(Click Meeting Title for Zoom Link)

	May	November
<u>Aquatic/Swim Team</u>	5/7 10-11 am	11/12 10-11 am
<u>Resident Camp</u>	5/7 11 am – 12 pm	11/12 11 am - 12 pm
<u>Membership</u>	5/7 1-2 pm	11/12 1-2 pm
<u>DEI</u>	5/7 2-3 pm	11/12 2-3 pm
<u>Health/Wellness</u>	5/7 3-4 pm	11/12 3-4 pm
<u>COOs</u>	5/8 10-11 am	11/13 10-11 am
<u>Property/Facility</u>	5/8 11 am- 12 pm	11/13 11 am – 12 pm
<u>HR</u>	5/8 1-2 pm	11/13 1-2 pm
<u>Youth Sports</u>	5/8 2-3 pm	11/13 2-3 pm
<u>Branch Executives</u>	5/8 3-4 pm	11/13 3-4 pm
<u>CVOs</u>	6/13 11 am – 12 pm	11/7 11 am – 12 pm

Child Care	
All at 1 pm (Click Here for Zoom Link)	
January 17	July 17
February 21	August 21
March 20	September 18
April 17	October 16
May 15	November 20
June 19	December 18

Financial Development
All at 2 pm (Click Here for Zoom Link)
February 21
April 17
June 19
August 21
October 16
December 18