

Y BUCKEYE BULLETIN

A Newsletter for the Ohio Alliance of YMCAs

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Leadership Week Registration Closes March 7th!

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WE NEED YOU OHIO!

Five Days of Action is a week-long campaign designed to raise awareness and inspire adults to take action to protect children from sexual abuse. This year's Five Days of Action will be April 21-25.

Alliances across the country are seeing great progress with Five Days of Action registration. 65% of associations are registered, and 22 of 29 alliances are at 50% or higher. Below are the top ten alliances, including some of our neighbors. Ohio is only at 53%. Let's make a push to get all Ohio YMCAs registered as soon as possible!!

The top 10 alliances are the following:

- Mountain, CT-RI, Massachusetts, New York, and Puerto Rico 100%
- New Jersey 93%
- North Carolina 92%
- AL-MS 77%
- Northern New England and California 76%
- Michigan 66%
- Tennessee 66%
- Pacific (WA-OR-HI-AK) 63%
- KS-MO 59% KY-WV 63%
- OK-AR-LA 59%

[Click here to register!](#)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

PROMOTING OUR CARESOURCE PARTNERSHIP

With the new year into full swing, we would love to see our CareSource partnership grow! Please advertise the partnership in your branches and using social media!

You'll find a flyer to use on the following page. Please feel free to use the verbiage from the flyer for advertising elsewhere.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us.

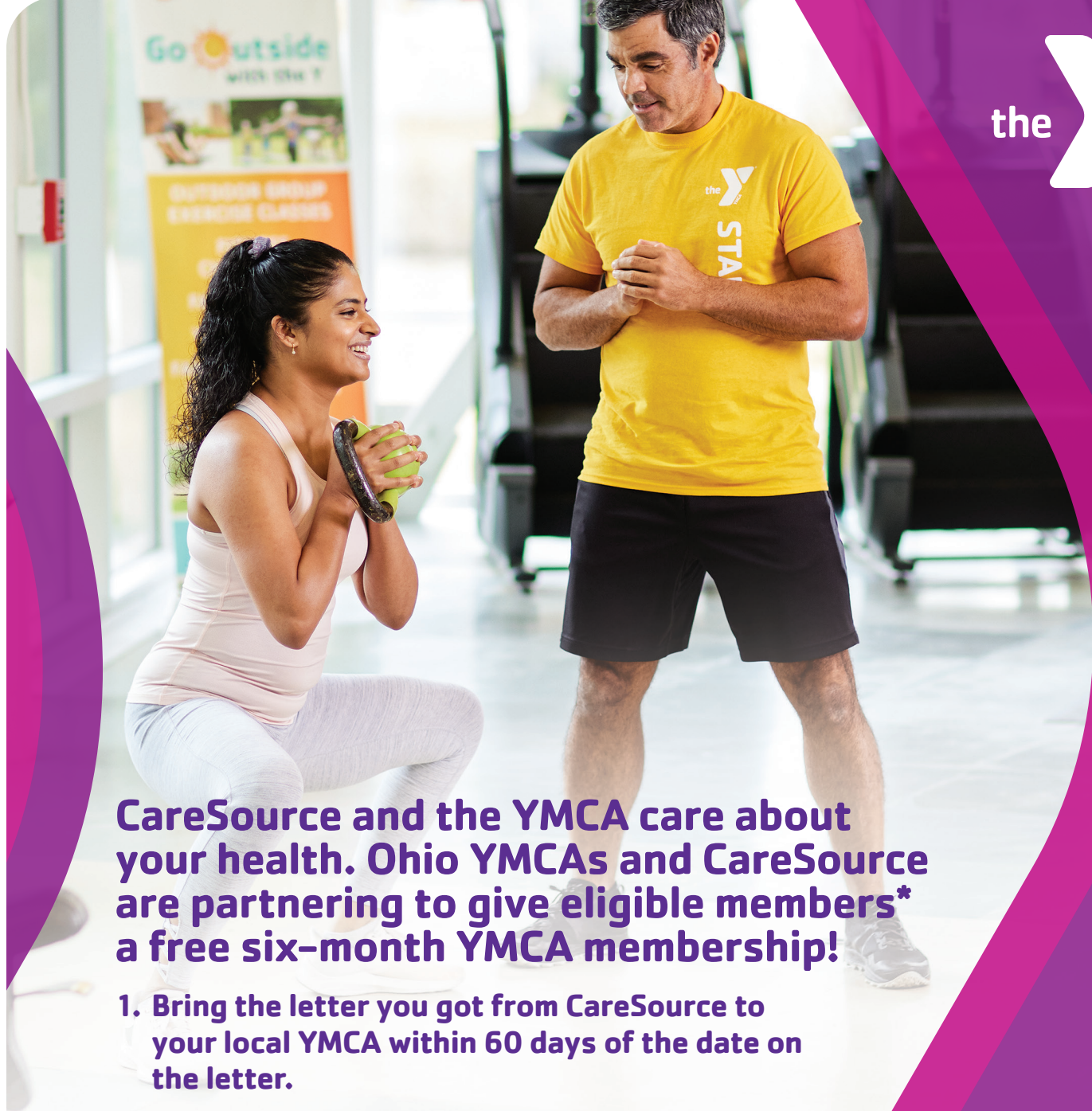
Y USA ANTI-HUNGER REGIONAL EVENT

The YMCA of Ross County is hosting an Anti-Hunger Regional Event on April 25, 2025. This in-person event will bring together individuals and organizations dedicated to making a difference in our region. Join the conversation about ways the YMCA is meeting the needs of our communities. There will be plenty of opportunities to learn, connect, and contribute to the fight against hunger.

Whether you're a long-time advocate or new to the cause, this event is for everyone who believes in a future without hunger. Join us as we come together, share our stories, and inspire each other to create positive change!

[Click here to RSVP to the event!](#)





CareSource and the YMCA care about your health. Ohio YMCAs and CareSource are partnering to give eligible members* a free six-month YMCA membership!

- 1. Bring the letter you got from CareSource to your local YMCA within 60 days of the date on the letter.**
- 2. Show the YMCA staff your CareSource member ID and a photo ID.**
- 3. Begin your journey of health and belonging at the YMCA!**

***You must have a qualifying diagnosis. You will get a letter from CareSource with next steps if you are eligible for the free membership.**

Questions? Call CareSource Member Services at 1-800-488-0134 (TTY: 711). We are open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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» Contact your local YMCA for more details

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SCAM ALERT

Watch out! Scammers target everyone.



Recognize scammers. They may:

- **PRETEND** to be from an agency or organization you know.
- Say there's a **PROBLEM** or promise a prize.
- **PRESSURE** you to act immediately.
- Tell you to **PAY** in a specific way.



Do not give scammers money or personal information – Ignore them!

How to avoid a scam:

- **Remain calm.** Talk to someone you trust.
- **Hang up or ignore** the message. **DO NOT** click on links or attachments.
- **Protect your money.** Criminals will insist that you pay in a hard-to-trace manner, such as with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, or by mailing cash.
- **Protect your personal information.** Be skeptical of a contact you didn't initiate.
- **Spread the word.** Share your knowledge of Social Security-related scams. Post on social media using the hashtag #SlamtheScam to share your experience and warn others. Visit **ssa.gov/scam** for more information. Please also share with your friends and family.

Leadership Launchpad

A staff development opportunity offered by the Ohio Alliance of YMCAs

With the success and impact of the Leadership Academy on Y leaders, the Ohio Alliance is now offering Leadership Launchpad. This innovative learning opportunity is a three session program (all sessions are in-person) designed to help staff launch their YMCA career. The goals are to:

- Develop Leadership Skills
- Enhance Professional Growth
- Foster a Supportive Community
- Improve Staff Retention

Leadership Launchpad is recommended for both full and part-time staff such as program coordinators, managers, lead teachers and new program directors. Staff that successfully complete the program will achieve their YMCA Leader certification. Two identical programs are offered, one in northern Ohio and one in southern Ohio. Participants can choose the location that work best for them.

Northern Ohio

April 24, 2025 , In person , Ashland YMCA, 10 am—4 pm
May 21, 2025, In person , Ashland YMCA, 10 am—4 pm
June 26, 2025, In person , Ashland YMCA, 10 am—4 pm

Southern Ohio

April 25, 2025 , In person , Xenia YMCA, 10 am—4 pm
May 22, 2025, In person , Xenia, YMCA, 10 am—4 pm
June 27, 2025, In person , Xenia YMCA, 10 am—4 pm

Participation in all sessions is mandatory to receive certification credit from YMCA of the USA.

Cost is \$300 and due at time of registration.

Enrollment is limited to the first 20 participants in each session.

Click here to register: <https://OhioYLeaders.regfox.com/2025-leadership-launchpad-registration-form>

If you have questions please contact your

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REGISTER NOW!

2025 Ohio YMCAs Leadership Week

March 17-21, 2025

4 Events in 1 Week!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Regional Training Event Day 1	Regional Training Event Day 2	Multicultural Leadership Day 2	Leadership Conference Day 2	YG High School Conference Day 2
	Multicultural Leadership Day 1	Leadership Conference Day 1	YG High School Conference Day 1	
	Statewide Advocacy Day			

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER by 3/7!

([https://www.ohioymcas.org/leadership week/](https://www.ohioymcas.org/leadership_week/))



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Ohio Alliance of YMCAs 2025 Meeting Dates

Neighborhood CEO Meetings				
	January (Virtual)	April (In Person)	August (Virtual)	December (In Person)
Northeast	1/21 10-11 am Zoom Link	4/22 10 am – 12 pm	8/6 10-11 am Zoom Link	12/2 10 am-12 pm
Northwest	1/21 11:30-12:30 p.m. Zoom Link	4/23 10 am – 12 pm	8/6 11:30-12:30 pm Zoom Link	12/3 10 am- 12 pm
South/Central	1/23 11:00 – 12:00 pm Zoom Link	5/1 10 am – 12 pm	8/7 11:00 – 12:00 pm Zoom Link	12/18 10:00-12:00

Statewide CEO Meetings	
Statewide CEO/CVO Meeting	February 13 10 am – 12 pm
Statewide CEO Meeting	June 13 – Delaware YMCA 10 am – 2 pm
Statewide CEO Conference	September 11-12 Nationwide Event Center, Lewis Center, OH

Ohio YMCAs Events/Opportunities	
Ohio YMCAs Leadership Week	March 17-21, Columbus, OH
Leadership Academy Cohort 5	Launches August 2025
Ohio YMCAs Child Care Summit	September 10-11
Leadership Launchpad	April- June and September-October

National Meetings	
National Advocacy Days	March 3-5 Washington, DC
NAYDO	April 30-May 3, St. Louis, MO
Mid-Major Ys CEO/CVO Meeting	September 16-18
EMLE	June 19-20 Great Miami Valley YMCA
YNAN Ys CEO/CVO Meeting	February 19-21 and October 6-9

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

	May	November
Aquatic/Swim Team	5/7 10-11 am	11/12 10-11 am
Membership	5/7 1-2 pm	11/12 1-2 pm
DEI	5/7 2-3 pm	11/12 2-3 pm
Health/Wellness	5/7 3-4 pm	11/12 3-4 pm
COOs	5/6 10-11 am	11/13 10-11 am
Property/Facility	5/6 11 am- 12 pm	11/13 11 am – 12 pm
HR	5/6 1-2 pm	11/13 1-2 pm
Youth Sports	5/6 2-3 pm	11/13 2-3 pm
Branch Executives	5/6 3-4 pm	11/13 3-4 pm
CVOs	6/6 11 am – 12 pm	11/14 11 am – 12 pm
Marketing	4/11 (in person) 10 am – 1 pm Delaware YMCA	10/9 (in person) 10 am – 1 pm Delaware YMCA

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

Financial Development All at 2 pm (Click Here for Teams Link)
February 19
April 16
June 18
August 20
October 15
December 17

Ohio YMCAs Camping Group	
All at 11 am (Click Here for Zoom Link)	
January 21	September 16
February 18	October 21
March 20 (at Conference)	November 18
April 15	December 16
May 20	