



Y BUCKEYE BULLETIN

A Newsletter for the Ohio Alliance of YMCAs

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CALENDAR

July 19 - Applications are due for the 2024-2025 Leadership Academy

August 23 - Registration deadline for the 2024 Ohio CEO Conference

CENTRAL STARK'S HEIDI WILSON RECOGNIZED

On June 25, 2024, The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and *The Canton Repository* presented the 17th annual ystark! Twenty under 40! awards. Central Stark's Heidi Wilson, VP of Child Care and Camping, was among the recipients.



According to the Chamber of Commerce, "Twenty under 40! awards recognize Stark County's leaders under 40 who have demonstrated dynamic leadership and social responsibility. These individuals are committed to making a difference in our community and creating a lasting impact. They are the doers, dreamers, and difference-makers."

Heidi began her career at the Y in 2007, working at the Child Development Center in North Canton. In 2012 she became the Child Care Director overseeing programs in the Louisville and Alliance districts. In 2018 Heidi was promoted to be the Director of Child Care Operations, and because of her proven leadership she was quickly promoted to Director of Child Care in 2020 and then to Vice President of Child Care and Camping also in 2022.

Thanks to Heidi's leadership, the YMCA of Central Stark now serves more than 1,500 children across 30 locations each year.

Congratulations, Heidi!



Dear Ohio YMCAs,

We hope this message finds you well. My name is Arlene Jones, and I am the Program Manager for **Youth Navigator Network** (YNN), a statewide program of the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) designed to support foster youth and alumni in Ohio. YMCAs and their team members play a crucial role in our communities and in the lives of young people impacted by child welfare. Today, we are reaching out to share information about YNN and how it is a valuable resource available to the young people that are supported by YMCAs all across Ohio.

YNN is a flexible and responsive navigator program dedicated to assisting young people aged 14-23 who have had an open case with children services, are currently in foster care, or have aged out of care. Our Navigators are well-informed about the resources, opportunities, and assistance that foster youth and alumni are eligible for, should have access to, and may need help with.

In addition to offering guidance and support, YNN recently introduced Flex Funds. These funds are specifically designed to support young adults aged 21-22 who have aged out of foster care, covering critical one-time financial needs such as housing application fees, security deposits, work gear, textbooks, and other essential expenses that may not be covered elsewhere.

For more information about YNN, please visit our website at ynn.ohio.gov. If you would like to order informational materials to distribute at no cost, please visit ynn.ohio.gov/partner-with-us or **scan the QR code** below.



We appreciate your ongoing commitment to supporting Ohio's families and are grateful for your assistance in sharing information about this valuable program with the young people you serve. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact YNN at 1-833-OHIO-YNN.

Thank you for your time and partnership,

Arlene Jones
Program Manager
Youth Navigator Network



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NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

**PREPARING THE
FUTURE LEADERS
OF OHIO'S YMCAS.**

Click here to learn
more about the
program.

**APPLICATIONS DUE
BY JULY 19, 2024**





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Registration Now Open!

2024 OHIO YMCAS CEO CONFERENCE

September 26-27, 2024

Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center
Lewis Center, OH

Register by August 23, 2024

<https://ohioleaders.regfox.com/2024-ohio-ymcas-ceo-conference>





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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 – Delaware YMCA 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	November 18-19 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	August 21
February 21	September 18
April 17	October 16
May 15	November 20
June 19	December 18
July 17	

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