



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



PACKING A PUNCH IN 2016

AKRON AREA YMCA

Our Mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

THE HOOK



In 2016, the Akron Area YMCA was a top contender in moving forward our mission and continuing to change lives and strengthen the communities we serve through programs for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

We have trained hard with community partners to address the ever-changing health and social needs of those living and working in our area. The Y Diabetes Prevention Program and Safety Around Water initiative have not only earned us successful collaborations but also life-saving outcomes.

Our membership continues to show strength. Branches, Camps and Early Care & Education Centers remain steadfast in their goals of achieving exceptional member service and higher quality standards, while always raising the bar to engage and encourage more of the community to participate.

We believe everyone should have a fighting chance – for a healthy life.

With gratitude,

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THE DECISION

Our Cause defines us. We know that lasting personal and social change comes about when we all work together.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Early Care & Education

Helping children develop the physical, social, and cognitive skills needed to be prepared to learn in kindergarten.

CAMP and BASE

Working on character, confidence and collaboration are the goals of Camp Y-Noah, our Summer Day Camps, our Before and After School (BASE) programs. Although fun is ever-present, we also strive to align with SEI measurable outcomes to assure long-term success of each child while in our programs and through their lives.



HEALTHY LIVING

CATCH – Coordinated Approach to Child Health

For over 25 years, CATCH has been proven to launch kids and communities toward healthier lifestyles. We are proud to include the evidence-based CATCH curriculum in our BASE and Summer Day Camp programs.

The YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program

Nine out of 10 of the 239,000 individuals in our service area who have prediabetes don't know it. Diabetes is a leading cause of heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease and nerve disease. The Y's lifestyle coaching program can prevent diabetes.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Safety Around Water

Committed to bringing water safety to children before they leave 4th grade, the Y has made it a priority to reduce the instance of drownings for children.

Y Strong

A free 3-month Y membership is available to participants in area court programs who maintain sobriety, and are committed to a lifestyle change.

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