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**Educators, Volunteers and Parents To Learn Valuable Teaching Strategies
At YMCA Led CincyAfterSchool Summer Institute**

Registration now being accepted

Encouraging young people to achieve their fullest potential is something educators, parents and afterschool volunteers have in common. The CincyAfterSchool Summer Institute, held August 17 through August 28 at the Mayerson Academy, 2650 Highland Ave. offers more than 75 sessions with strategies to help students succeed.

The fourth annual Summer Institute includes workshops, networking opportunities, and the CincyAfterSchool All-Stars Celebration of 22 youth awardees with featured speaker Dr. O'Dell Owens, M.D., M.H.P., Hamilton County coroner. Among the session topics will be engaging families in education; team building strategies; hands-on learning; assessing afterschool programs; and developing cultural competence.

Continuing education credit hours are available. Cost is \$50, however financial assistance is offered. Pre-registration is required by August 14th. For more information or to register, the public can call the Community Services YMCA at 513-961-3200 or visit my.cincyafterschool.org.

"This year's theme, 'Realizing the New Education Promise: Cincinnati's Afterschool Opportunity' is modeled after the U.S. Department of Education's National Summer Institute. It captures our direction as we strive to develop afterschool activities that support local, state, and national education goals and initiatives," said Rebecca Kelley, Community Services YMCA executive director.

CincyAfterSchool is a network led by the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati that includes many area nonprofit partners providing extended learning opportunities for public school students. At each CPS site, asset-based afterschool programming is provided for up to 125 children and their families during the academic year and summer. Programming includes tutoring/mentoring; college and career exploration; service learning; leadership development; health and wellness; global literacy; and arts education.

As the area's largest youth and family-focused not-for-profit, the YMCA reinforces character values through assets-based programs and services to more than 143,000 individuals, kids and families annually. Adult mentors encourage young people to be caring, responsible, respectful, and honest through sports, summer camps, structured child and afterschool programming, and leadership building programs. Branches offer quality time for families, resources for parents,

and a variety of opportunities for seniors to be active. The Membership for All sliding scale fee structure means everyone, no matter their ability to pay, can always benefit from the YMCA. Last year alone more than 17,400 families and individuals enjoyed healthier and happier lives because generous partners helped the YMCA in its vision to be accessible to all.

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