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Jim Ryan is an Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant and Internationally Certified Prevention Specialist with more than 35 years of experience in alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention. He began his drug-free workplace experience as a program administrator for a non-profit corporation in the early 1990s and has been a trainer with *Working Partners* since 2000.

Jim's broader professional experience as a consultant and trainer includes work with The Ohio State University, Franklin County Children Services, the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio, Applied Prevention Science International, and various school systems, behavioral health funding entities, and other organizations. Jim chairs the ADAPAO Prevention Think Tank, a leadership group of veteran Ohio prevention professionals. Jim was also Ohio's nominee for the International Credentialing & Reciprocity Consortium's 2014 Prevention Professional of the Year Award.

Jim was raised in small business: His family owned a small chain of pizza restaurants in Ohio and West Virginia. Jim also previously co-owned a small publishing company, where he was editor of a newspaper targeted to Columbus' lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Jim has an extensive history of community service and has received numerous accolades for his volunteer work, including the Columbus *Dispatch* Community Service Award. Jim was an inaugural member of The Ohio State University English Department Alumni Advisory Board, and he is co-founder and was the first president of The Ohio State University Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alumni Society. In 2005, The Ohio State University Alumni Association bestowed Jim with the Ralph Davenport Mershon Award for service to Ohio State. His longest volunteer service is with Franklin County Children Services, where he has served as a friend and mentor to children under the agency's care and serves on the child welfare agency's Volunteer Services Advisory Committee. Jim is a recipient of FCCS' Outstanding Advisory Committee Member award, and, in 2018, received recognition for 30 years of service to the agency.

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