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Impact Ohio Akron Regional Conference
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In 1984, The Success Group founded Impact Ohio. Since its inception, Impact Ohio has offered one-day conferences to explore elections, the outcomes of the political process, and policy choices facing Ohio and its communities.

Impact Ohio has become known for the Post Election Conference, which is held in Columbus every two years immediately following the general election. The Post Election Conference offers the first post-election opportunity to hear directly from those who will shape Ohio's policy and political agenda for the upcoming biennium.

In 2017, Impact Ohio expanded throughout the state with regional conferences focused on bringing together government officials, political analysts, pundits, and policy experts. Impact Ohio's regional conferences are a forum for local thought leaders to discuss the political and policy issues important to their communities.



In recognition of our panelists and speakers, Impact Ohio makes a charitable donation in lieu of personal tokens of appreciation to Ohio YMCA Youth & Government.

Teens in the program experience a three-day learning conference at the Statehouse where they participate directly in a simulation of the democratic process. YG includes all three branches of government, as well as the Press Corp.

YMCA Youth & Government offers students the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of issues, develop critical thinking skills, and articulate their beliefs while engaging constructively with those who hold like and opposing views.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	Registration, Networking & Lunch
11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Conference Welcome Jennifer Flatter , Chief Executive Officer, Impact Ohio Dr. Matthew Akers , Public Liaison, Office of the President and Assistant Director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at The University of Akron Grace Wakulchik , Chair-Elect, Greater Akron Chamber and President & CEO of Akron Children's Hospital
12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.	Luncheon Address The Honorable Jon Husted , Lt. Governor of the State of Ohio
12:30 p.m.-12:45 p.m.	Recognition of Elected Officials and Sponsors Mike Toman , Partner, The Success Group
12:45 p.m.-1:45 p.m.	Effective Economic Development and Elevating the Regional Economy Moderator: The Honorable Ilene Shapiro , County Executive, Summit County Panelists: Chris Burnham , President, Development Finance Authority of Summit County Jason Dodson , Chief of Staff, Summit County David James , Superintendent, Akron Public Schools Steve Millard , President & CEO, Greater Akron Chamber
1:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Networking & Coffee Break
2:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Priorities and Plans for Ohio's 49th Treasurer of State The Honorable Robert Sprague , Ohio Treasurer of State
2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.	Creating a Culture of Civility in a Divided Society Moderator: Bruce Winges , Retired Editor, Akron Beacon Journal Panelists: Dr. John Green , Interim President of The University of Akron and Director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics The Honorable Frank LaRose , Ohio Secretary of State The Honorable Vernon Sykes , Ranking Member, Senate Finance Committee Rev. Dr. Carl P. Wallace , Co-Convener, Akron Faith Community
3:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Priorities and Plans for Ohio's 51st Secretary of State The Honorable Frank LaRose , Ohio Secretary of State
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Improving Childhood Experiences to Improve Communities Moderator: Michael Douglas , Editorial Page Editor, Akron Beacon Journal Panelists: The Honorable Shannon Jones , Executive Director of Groundwork Ohio and Warren County Commissioner The Honorable Emilia Sykes , Minority Leader, Ohio House of Representatives Kirstin S. Toth , Senior Vice President, GAR Foundation Derran Wimer , Executive Director, Summit Education Initiative

For bios of our speakers, please visit impactohio.org/akron2019.