MEMO

Date: January 13, 2022
To: YQCA State and Organization Contacts
From: Blaze Currie, Executive Director of YQCA
RE: General Updates for 2023

Greetings YQCA State Contacts and Stakeholders,

This is an important update regarding several YQCA items. Please read through this update and feel welcome to share any of this information with instructors, fair/show personnel, or others who would benefit from this information.

**Update documents/websites to direct users to YQCAProgram.org**
In March 2022, the YQCA platform moved to the YQCAProgram.org domain. It is a new year, so please make sure all your help documents, websites, and informational material direct parents and youth to YQCAProgram.org. Please remove any references to other domain names like YQCA(dot)Org or YQCA(dot)LearnGrow. Everything YQCA can be found at YQCAProgram.org.

**YQCA Annual Report**
Attached is the National YQCA Annual Report for 2021-2022. This report covers the YQCA year from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. If you are a primary state contact, you should have received an individual state report for your state in the last few days. If you did not, please let us know. If you believe there are errors on your state report or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

**New Help Videos**
We are excited to announce the launch of two new help videos, one for web-based courses and one for instructor-based courses. These videos will help parents and youth sign-up/register, select the appropriate courses, and explain how to download and/or print certifications. These videos were designed to specifically address some of the most common errors and questions from our users. Here are direct links to the videos:
- Help Video: Web-Based Training
- Help Video: Instructor-Led Training

These videos can also be found on the YQCA website in multiple places including the homepage, registration page, and help desk tab.
New Instructor-Led Training Activity Packet
A new activity packet has been added to the YQCA Instructor-led Training Resources. This activity packet includes more than 60 supplemental activities mapped to the YQCA curriculum that instructors can incorporate into their training.

Once instructors have completed their certification training and are granted access to the ILT folder, they will be able to download this additional resource.

Instructor-Led Training FAQs
Attached is a set of frequently asked questions we created to help instructors. This FAQ document has also been added to the instructor training materials. Please feel welcome to forward this document to instructors.

Platform and Curriculum Updates
We are making a number of platform updates in 2023 that will enhance YQCA reporting, provide instructors with more capabilities, and enhance the overall YQCA user experience.

We will provide more information soon about these platform updates.

YQCA is also conducting a review and revision process in 2023 for all YQCA web-based content with the goal of ensuring YQCA continues to incorporate industry-validated best practices and is designed with youth in mind. We will also share an update soon about what this process will entail.
We are very excited about the year ahead. Continuing to improve the YQCA platform and keeping the curriculum up to date is important to YQCA, and we will be making significant investments in both the platform and curriculum/online courses in 2023!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. For immediate technical assistance, please contact help@yqcaprogram.org. For reporting questions, please contact programmanager@yqca.org.

Thank you,

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