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New York State YMCA Walk With Ease Grant INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR

New York State Department of Health Arthritis Program

New York State YMCA Foundation, Inc.

Welcome and Introductions

- New York State Department of Health

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 – Paige Hughes, Director of Healthy Living





Overview

- Background & History
- What is Walk With Ease?
- YMCA Walk With Ease Grant







Brief History

- NYSDOH Arthritis Program & New York State YMCA Foundation Partnership
 - Enhance®Fitness
 - Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP)
 - Walk With Ease





What is Walk With Ease (WWE)?

- Evidence-based program developed by the Arthritis Foundation
- Motivates people to start walking and stay active
- 6-week program, group meets 3 times per week to walk together
- Group led by a trained leader using a manualized approach
- Class size of 12-15 participants
- Supplemental materials: guidebook, online tools





WWE Structure



- 45-60 minute class session
 - Pre-walk discussion about related health topics
 - Warm-up exercises and stretches
 - 10-30 minute walk in a local community setting
 - Cool-down exercises





WWE Audience

- Adults with arthritis
- Adults with mobility issues or other chronic conditions
- Adults looking to get and stay active
- Prerequisite: ability to be on ones feet for at least 10 minutes without feeling increased pain





WWE Site Locations

- Warmer months outdoor locations:
 - Local public parks with accessible trails/paths, rail trails, community walking loops, safe town or village sidewalks, tracks
- Cooler months indoor locations:
 - YMCA facilities, local schools, shopping malls







WWE Benefits

Participant Benefits

- Reduce arthritis symptoms such as pain, stiffness and fatigue
- Improve strength, balance and walking pace
- Reduce disability
- Increase confidence in the ability to manage arthritis and other chronic conditions

Organizational Benefits

- Broad appeal: appropriate for a variety of audiences
- Easy to implement
- Low cost
- Evidence-based: effects are tested and proven





New York WWE YMCA Grant

 Up to six (6) awards of \$3,000 will be made to YMCA Associations for the 10-month contract period (9/1/19-6/30/20)

# of WWE Sites	# of 6-week WWE Sessions	Award Amount	Total Required Reach
1	2	\$3,000	24-30 unique individuals





Staff Training

- WWE Leader Training
 - Pre-requisites: CPR Training



- Additional funding is earmarked to cover <u>at least</u> <u>three (3) staff</u> to complete the online WWE Leader Training per YMCA Association (\$89 per leader)
 - Funding is separate from Y's grant award
- Leader must deliver at least one WWE class per year to stay certified





Staff Training (Cont.)

- Workshop Wizard Training
 - NYSDOH online data system for reporting WWE program data
 - Offered to Ys free of charge



 Ys can train as many staff members as they would like in Workshop Wizard





Applicant Expectations

- Application (Scored out of 100)
 - Use <u>evidence</u> and <u>specific</u> <u>examples</u> throughout application
- Budget (Scored out of 100)
 - Program start-up (equipment, recruitment of participants, supplies)
 - Operations (facility rentals, kickoff events)
 - Staff expenses (salary for staff delivering WWE and/or performing data entry **ONLY**)

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Please complete the fields below.

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YMCA Association	
Address	
Phone	
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Grantee Expectations

- Submit a workplan with delivery dates
- Train appropriate staff in Workshop Wizard and as WWE Leaders
- Input participant data into Workshop Wizard
- Submit monthly invoices for reimbursement
- Participate in conference calls
 - (September, December, March, June)
- Complete midway and final progress reports





Timeline







Reminders

- All awards are cost-reimbursable contracts
 - YMCA Associations will be required to submit **monthly** invoices to the NYS YMCA Foundation
- This is a 10-month contract (9/1/19-6/30/20)
- Applications are available at <u>http://www.ymcanys.org/walk-with-ease-program/</u>
- Applications are due via email to <u>phughes@ymcanys.org</u>
 by <u>COB July 29, 2019</u>





Next Steps

- Next Steps
 - Complete and submit application by July 29th
 - Identify staff to be trained as WWE Leaders
 - Obtain prerequisites courses (CPR)
 - Brainstorm potential WWE delivery sites





Questions?





Thank you!

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