



Jim Ryan is an Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant and Internationally Certified Prevention Specialist with more than 35 years of experience in the prevention of behavioral health disorders. He began his drug-free workplace experience as a program administrator for a nonprofit corporation in the early 1990s and has been a drug-free workplace trainer since 2000.

Jim's broader professional experience as a consultant and trainer includes serving as the executive director of Ohio's prevention professionals membership organization, director of training for Applied Prevention Science International, and work with multiple behavioral health organizations and systems. Jim was Ohio's nominee for the International Credentialing & Reciprocity Consortium's Prevention Professional of the Year Award in 2014 and 2021.

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. Jim's longest volunteer service is with Franklin County Children Services, where he was as a friend and mentor to children under the agency's care and served on its Volunteer Services Advisory Committee from 1991 to 2020. Jim is a recipient of Franklin County Children Services' Outstanding Advisory Committee Member award, and, in 2018, received recognition for 30 years of service to the agency.