

**SkillsUSA Ohio Advisor Training Agenda**  
**Mohican Lodge and Conference Center**  
**October 2-3, 2025**



**\*\*New Advisors will actively be building a chapter as we go\*\***

START TIME	LOCATION	TRACK	SESSION	SESSION DETAILS
<b>Day One - Thursday, October 2, 2025</b>				
9:00 AM - 9:40 AM		General	Registration	Welcome! Conference will start promptly at 9:45AM.
9:45 AM - 9:55 AM		General	Welcome, Introductions, & Updates	Explanation of the 2024 Advisor Training Conference and how it plays into the SkillsUSA Ohio program over the next year. Be prepared to think "outside the box!"
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM		General	Unlocking the Passion of Your Students  <i>Presenter Jackie Walker</i>	"Unlocking the Passion of Your Students" is a session designed to equip educators with innovative strategies and techniques to inspire and engage students, fostering a deeper connection to learning and enhancing their enthusiasm for SkillsUSA Ohio.
10:50 AM - 11:35 AM		1	Welcome to SkillsUSA 101 – Resources  <i>Presenter Jennifer Snyder</i>	<b>**This session is suggested for Advisors with less than 3 years of experience**</b> In this session, attendees explore the various curricular resources that are used to help facilitate the SkillsUSA experience. Attendees will leave knowing what resources are available to them, where to find these resources, and best practices in facilitation strategies.
		2	Advisor Spotlight - Reigniting your Passion for Teaching  <i>Presenter Warren Caskey</i>	<b>**This session is suggested for Advisors with more than 3 years of experience**</b> "Reigniting Your Passion for Teaching" is a session aimed at rejuvenating educators' enthusiasm and commitment by exploring new teaching methods, personal reflections, and creative approaches to reignite their love for the profession.
11:40 AM - 12:25 PM		General	How to Leverage Competitions & Technical Standards into Academic Success  <i>Presenter ODEW</i>	In this session, attendees will learn from our partners at ODEW how to maximize the educational impact of the SkillsUSA Competitions! With focus on the alignment between Ohio Academic Standards and the SkillsUSA Technical Standards, attendees will leave this session with more information on how best to prepare their students to achieve academic success and graduate job-ready, day-one!
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM		General	LUNCH	This is included for all registrants and is a chance to network with colleagues!
1:20 PM - 2:05 PM		1	Advisor Roles & Responsibilities	<b>**This session is suggested for Advisors with less than 3 years of experience**</b> Jackie Walker will review options and expectations of SkillsUSA Advisors and how to plan your year. She will review the timeline for growing local officers, registration deadlines, and how to not miss important dates. We will explore the

			Presenter Jackie Walker	"7 Deadly Sins" of being a CTSO Advisor and how to have fun with students in and out of the classroom while making smart choices.
	1:20 PM - 2:05 PM	2	How to Effectively Teach Employability Skills  Presenter Jon Ranly	<b>**This session is suggested for Advisors with more than 3 years of experience**</b> "How to Effectively Teach Employability Skills" is a session focused on providing educators with practical strategies and tools to integrate critical job-ready skills into their curriculum, ensuring students are well-prepared for the workforce.
2:10 PM - 2:50 PM		General	Leveraging Advisory Councils and Committees to Support Our Students  Presenter Toby Prinsen	"Leveraging Advisory Councils and Committees to Support Our Students" is a session dedicated to guiding educators on how to effectively engage with advisory councils and committees to enhance student support, gather valuable insights, and drive initiatives that improve educational outcomes.
		1	Navigating SkillsUSA Ohio  Presenter Jackie Walker	<b>**This session is suggested for Advisors with less than 3 years of experience**</b> A session designed to familiarize advisors with the new and improved SkillsUSA Ohio website. Ensuring that you can readily find the information and tools you will need for the upcoming year!
2:55 PM - 3:40 PM		2	Cultivating and Leveraging an Alumni Network  Presenter Melinda O'Connor	<b>**This session is suggested for Advisors with 3+ years of experience**</b> A session designed for advisors in building and utilizing a strong alumni network to enhance professional connections, provide mentorships opportunities, and support ongoing collaborations.
3:45 PM - 4:25 PM		General	Chapter Excellence Program (CEP)  Presenters Warren Caskey Jeff Bertke	We will review chapter management and implementation of the Framework and Chapter Excellence Program (CEP) into current chapter programs. With the implementation of the Level 1 requirement to compete, we will emphasize the importance of the local chapter to student success. We will review all the essential "pieces of a successful chapter". In addition, this session will review how to develop SMART goals, along with new ways to take your program to the next level!
4:30 PM- 5:20 PM		General	Check in/ Change	Let's take time to check in and change. Everyone to meet back for dinner and networking!
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM		General	Dinner & Networking	Join us for a special evening of networking with your peers sponsored by Columbus Collision Education Group. This is included for all registrants and a chance to network with colleagues and play a couple of networking games to win prizes!
<b>Day Two - Friday, October 3, 2025</b>				
7:30 AM - 8:15 AM		General	Breakfast	This is included for all registrants and is a chance to network with colleagues!

8:20 AM - 8:30 AM		General	Welcome and Day 1 Recap <i>Presenter Jackie Walker</i>	With one day down and day two upon us, let's take the opportunity to review everything from day one and address any questions you might have
8:30 AM - 8:40 AM		General	Updates from ODEW	Robert Kornack will review ODEW updates and review the opportunities for you and your students at the regional, state, and national level.
8:45 AM - 9:30 AM		1	Beginning Your Chapter - First Steps & How to Manage Your Chapter the First 3 Years  <i>Presenter Warren Caskey</i>	<b>**This session is suggested for Advisors with less than 3 years of experience**</b> Who knew there would be so much involved in managing a chapter?!? This session will help demystify some of the nuances of chapter management and seeks to prepare attendees with a plan for sustainable success in their first three years with SkillsUSA. From networking with peers, learning best-practices, and developing a plan for success, attendees will leave this session with a new-found confidence for the year ahead!
		2	Welcome to SkillsUSA 101 - Advanced Resources  <i>Presenter Jeff Bertke</i>	<b>**This session is suggested for Advisors with more than 3 years of experience**</b> As our SkillsUSA Ohio Veteran advisors, you already have a sense of "what's going on in SkillsUSA Ohio. Redesigned from the ground-up, this session will not only include best-practices for leveraging resources but will foster a space for critical analysis and discussion on how we can use these resources to innovate within the Career & Technical Education Field!
9:35 AM - 10:05 AM		General	How to Train Local Officers  <i>Presenter Jennifer Snyder</i>	This session aims to provide you with the knowledge and tools necessary to understand the importance of a local officer team and to build and grow a strong, effective team that will support and enhance your local chapter.
10:10 AM - 10:55 AM		General	Networking 101 - Leveraging Your Skills to Successfully Network with Others  <i>Presenter</i>	Connecting with new people can be hard, but it doesn't have to be! In this session, attendees will learn how they can leverage their individual skills to successfully network with others within the CTE field! Attendees will learn best-practices for how to connect with industry partners and communicate ways that they could support the great work you are doing in your classroom!
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM		1	Creating a Culture of Support  <i>Presenter Corey Ruby</i>	<b>**This session is suggested for Advisors with less than 3 years of experience**</b> This session is designed to foster a culture of support among advisors, emphasizing strategies to enhance collaboration, communication, and mutual encouragement within your advisory team
		2	Creating a Culture of Succession - Fostering Sustainable Practices at your School  <i>Presenter Warren Caskey</i>	<b>**This session is suggested for Advisors with 3+ years of experience**</b> This session focuses on creating a culture of succession by developing sustainable practices that will ensure the long-term success of continuity of your school's success and initiatives.

			<i>Jessica Immel</i>	
11:55 AM - 12:40 PM		General	Lunch	This is included for all registrants and is a chance to network with colleagues!
12:45 PM - 1:30 PM		General	Understanding the Literacy Rate Trends in Ohio	In collaboration with ODEW, this session will help attendees make sense of the literacy rates demonstrated across Ohio. Through a presentation of relevant data, this session will help identify root causes of literacy challenges in different regions of the state, explore the impacts of these trends and discuss potential strategies for improvement. Advisors will gain valuable insights into the factors influencing literacy rates and how they can contribute to enhancing literacy and outcomes in Ohio.
1:35 PM - 1:20 PM		1	Integrating Local Competitions as a Curricular Resource  <i>Presenters Corey Ruby Jennifer Snyder</i>	The impact of competitions reaches far beyond the champions' podium! In this session, attendees will explore how competitions can be used as an academic tool, including how scores and placement reports can serve as helpful assessment data for curricular design! Questions like, "What does it look like to host a local competition?" and "How do I get my students excited for local competitions?" and more will be answered in this session!
		2	Avoiding Burnout as a SkillsUSA Advisor  <i>Presenter Jackie Walker</i>	This session will provide strategies for avoiding burnout as a SkillsUSA Ohio Advisor. Focusing on balancing out responsibilities, maintaining-well-being, and sustaining enthusiasm for your role
1:25 PM - 2:10 PM		General	Building a Successful Chapter  <i>Presenter Jackie Walker</i>	Building a successful chapter is hard. With all the various elements impacting our work, it can sometimes be a lot to manage. In this session, attendees will explore what it means to find success in your local chapter, identify potential challenges, network with peers, and begin to establish a network of support. Redesigned for 2024, this session will be structured as a workshop, with attendees leaving this session with a draft of their plan for the 24-25 Academic Year!
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM		General	SkillsUSA Ohio 24-25 Updates  <i>Presenter Jackie Walker</i>	Jackie Walker will discuss the plans for SkillsUSA Ohio events, competition updates and alignments, and other activities. This session will review the opportunities for you and your students at the regional, state, and national level. As we move into the next generation, we are working together to develop a plan for the long-term sustainability of SkillsUSA Ohio. This session will also look at the up-and-coming middle school division and post-secondary divisions of SkillsUSA Ohio. Wrap-up and distribution of Certificates and Curriculum materials.
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM		General	Awards Ceremony  <i>Presenter Jackie Walker</i>	As we wrap up our 2024 SkillsUSA Ohio Advisor Training Retreat, we want to send you off with a celebration! At this session, attendees will be presented with their curricular resources and certificates!

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**Track 1 is suggested for Advisors with less than 3 years of experience** and **Track 2 is suggested for Advisors with 4+ years of experience.**