

## **Clay Yeager**

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Clay Yeager is a 1969 graduate of Southern Columbia Area High School. He has served the interests of at-risk children for over 36 years in public, private, and non-profit sectors. He has a Bachelor of Art degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and a Master's degree from Shippensburg University.

He has been a Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research, and member of the adjunct faculty at Shippensburg University. During the administration of Governor Tom Ridge, he served as Executive Director of the Governor's Community Partnership for Safe Children, overseeing implementation of statewide adoption of the "Blueprints for Violence Prevention," making Pennsylvania the first state in the country to embed the blueprints into public policy.

He was also named by Governor Ridge as the first gubernatorial appointee to serve as Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Under Governor Mark Shweiker, he was appointed Executive Director of the Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Education and Care. He also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Nurse-Family Partnership national office in Denver, Colorado.

He currently manages his own consulting firm specializing in promoting healthy development of children through strategic partnerships with business, government and the media. As a keynote speaker he has spoken to groups and organizations throughout the United States and Great Britain on the importance of prevention programs that work on the behalf of children.