

Kyle Putinski

According to a leader in the industry – and his former boss – Kyle Putinski is “a genuine treasure in the social services sector, living the work with every cell of his being.”

Kyle was born February 25, 1984, to Michael and Linda Putinski. He attended North Canton Schools and graduated from Hoover High school in 2003. While a teen, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. After graduation, he attended the University of Akron where he majored in History and Education.

He worked briefly as a substitute teacher in Copley-Fairlawn Schools before branching out to his work in social services. His work has primarily focused on supporting the socio-emotional and educational needs of children and the struggles of families in generational poverty. He has served as a job training specialist, a community relations representative for Goodwill Industries of Akron, and created a GED curriculum for Getting Ahead. He had several

responsibilities for the United Way of Summit County and the United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties including the popular Bridges Out of Poverty workshops and the Wayne County Opiate Taskforce.

In 2018, he became the Regional Director of Community Engagement for the Educational Empowerment Group, and, in 2020, he became the Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Summit, Medina, and Stark Counties. This organization serves over 350 children aged 6-18. Kyle not only works with people in poverty but looks at poverty from a systemic standpoint – addressing not only the needs of children but of the whole community.

Kyle has been active in the community in other ways as well. He is a founding member of the Summit County Mentoring Collaborative. He has many community connections such as the Akron Rotary and the Summit County Clerk of Courts who is a Big Brothers Big Sisters supporter. He was an Ally in Summit County Circles from

2016-18 and is currently on the Give It Away team of Grace Church's Bath Campus.

Kyle has been honored for his service. In 2021, he was named one of 30 for the Future by the Greater Akron Chamber. He is a graduate of Leadership Wooster in 2016 and the First Class of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Leadership Institute as of this year.

Kyle and his wife, Emily, live in Copley and have three sons – Owen, Noah, and Luke. He enjoys powerlifting, reading, camping, home improvements, and going to amusement parks with his family.

Kyle Putinski has been an asset to the Northeast Ohio community. The North Canton Alumni Association is pleased to have him as a recipient in its Hall of Distinction.