# HOW TO START A YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (YP) PROGRAM

## **STEP 1: IDENTIFY BENEFITS & DRAFT PROPOSAL**

- Highlight how the YP Program fosters leadership, engagement, and retention.
- Research successful examples and outline program objectives, benefits, activities, and structure.

### **STEP 2: PRESENT TO LEADERSHIP & SECURE SUPPORT**

- Present the proposal to senior management, aligning the program with credit union goals.
- ♦ Seek approval, budget, and leadership endorsement.

# **STEP 3:** FORM A COMMITTEE & SET REGULAR MEETINGS

- Recruit motivated YPs and assign roles (chair, event coordinator, etc.).
- ♦ Hold regular meetings to plan activities, set goals, and track progress.

## **STEP 4: PLAN EVENTS & LAUNCH PROGRAM**

- Organize a variety of events (networking, professional development, community service).
- Host a kickoff event to introduce the program and engage potential members.

#### **STEP 5: PROMOTE INTERNALLY & ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Use internal channels (intranet, newsletters, meetings) and social media to promote events and successes.

#### **STEP 6:** GATHER FEEDBACK & REPORT TO LEADERSHIP

- Survey members for feedback to improve the program.
- Provide regular updates to leadership on successes and milestones to ensure continued support.

## **STEP 7: CELEBRATE SUCCESSES**

Host an annual recognition event to celebrate key contributors and program achievements.

