

John Clese

John Clese is a longtime fundraiser with extensive and diverse experience in the fundraising advocacy and association space. John started his career in the earliest days of tele-fundraising and has worked for a variety of not-for-profit organizations and fundraising consultancy firms. He currently works with Abila's major and not-for-profit and association clients implementing constituent scoring and retention strategies. Prior to joining Abila, John oversaw the capital campaign for a new YMCA on Martha's Vineyard and served as its CEO. He currently serves as Co-Chair on the Leadership Council for Year Up, Chicago.

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