Virtual Learning Supports

The Weikart Center’s approach to program quality involves coordination across multiple levels of a system to support continuous quality improvement. As we all consider how to shift to support young people in virtual spaces and in other creative ways, we are working to create avenues of support and connection for our partners, tailored to the new and unique challenges we are now facing. The following resources are organized to reflect supports aimed at different levels of systems: Supporting Network Leads, Program Managers, and Youth Workers in order to collectively create quality experiences for young people.

This list is being updated regularly. Check back often to find out what we have coming up, and don't hesitate to reach out to us with specific ideas and suggestions.

Supporting Network Leads

- **Data Disrupted: Practical Solutions to Adapt Research and Evaluation Plans During COVID-19**

While many youth-serving programs have adapted quickly in response to COVID-19, disruptions to research and evaluation data collection efforts have left practitioners with questions about how to complete current projects and what information to collect to guide future planning. This webinar will convene researchers, evaluators and funders to discuss practical solutions for interrupted data collection efforts and reporting expectations to promote the continuation of quality improvement conversations and the sharing of program impact stories. This panel will address questions such as: Should we revise our plan or stop the evaluation completely? What data is most relevant, useful, and practical to collect in this new context? How else can we add value if data collection efforts are put on hold? How should we communicate necessary adjustments and contingencies to
key stakeholders? Participants are invited to share specific questions and/or challenges they are experiencing during the registration process to guide the discussion.

View recording. [2]

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Effective Strategies for Coaching Leaders through Transitions

Presenter: Bob Maureen

This webinar uncovers strategies high performing leaders use to support their teams through transitions. We'll cover six leadership practices and dig deeper into the Influence Model. Participants will have an opportunity to share how these practices currently show up and create a plan for strengthening their impact as they lead through the many transitions ahead.

- Wednesday, May 20, 2020 from 12:30 - 2:00pm ET - Register here. [3]

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Managing Detours on Your Network Leader Roadmap

Connect and share resources with other Network Leaders and explore how to support your providers and organizations as they manage change during these unprecedented times.

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Rising to the Challenge: Leveraging the Science of Learning and Development to Address the Reality of the Times

As we anticipate a "new normal," how will the emerging findings from the sciences inform how we respond to the challenges our young people, families, communities, and professionals are facing in this rapidly changing context? Together, we have a chance to link the urgency of the science - what we know about how young people learn, develop, and thrive - to the urgency of the times.

Click here for interactive transcripts and short segments from each portion of the event. [5]
Supporting Staff in Strengthening Practices

Presenters: Jennifer Harris, Portfolio Manager at the Weikart Center, and Clarke Hill, Director of Quality Improvement, Boys & Girls Clubs of America

The Weikart Center and Boys and Girls Clubs of America have partnered together to redesign online Youth Work Methods into engaging and interactive courses that support youth workers in learning the practical skills that will help them improve their quality of interactions with youth. During this webinar, we will explore ways that supervisors can support staff in using newly embedded Resource Guides to create programs where youth can thrive.

Recording forthcoming.

Youth Work Methods Remix ? Shifting from Live to Virtual Facilitation: A Webinar for YWM TOT Graduates

Presenter: Monica Marie Jones

Being a dynamic facilitator includes being responsive to change. Connect with other Youth Work Methods TOT Grads to explore how to transition live trainings to virtual experiences.

View recording. [6]

Supporting Program Managers

"And I Thought Snow Days Were Hard!?: Effective Strategies for Coaching Leaders in Challenging Times

Presenter: bob Maureen

Learn strategies you can use immediately to shift how you respond to uncertain times and support the people around you. This webinar will help Site Coordinators and Program Managers increase self-awareness, understand the power of words, and adopt a positive, empowered mindset, so you can effectively lead your staff through the obstacles and challenges facing us.

View recording. [7]
High-Quality Practices in Engaging Youth Virtually

Presenter: Monica Marie Jones and Suzie Staley

During this interactive session, you will learn about strategies, tools, and resources that will support you as you transition to providing high quality, engaging virtual experiences for young people virtually. You will also have the opportunity to share your own virtual tips and tricks with peers.

Supporting SEL Wellness for Staff & Colleagues

Presenters: Monica Marie Jones and Alandra Chuney

During these challenging times, many of us are being called upon to approach our work in new and challenging ways, while also dealing with other stressors. Join us in this webinar to learn and explore strategies for self-care, for sustaining motivation while working from home, and for supporting our staff and colleagues in doing the same.