

Program Quality News

From the David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality

Program Quality News connects education and human service leaders with research, case studies, tools and training to improve the quality of youth programs.

Feature

Ready by 21 National Meeting 2015 and Weikart Center Pre-Conference!



New Orleans is known for many things: music, food, culture, architecture... And you'll get to experience them all at the fourth annual [Ready by 21 National Meeting](#)! Join hundreds of other leaders March 31 - April 2 to share research, strategies, and stories about efforts to improve the lives of kids in communities and states across the nation.

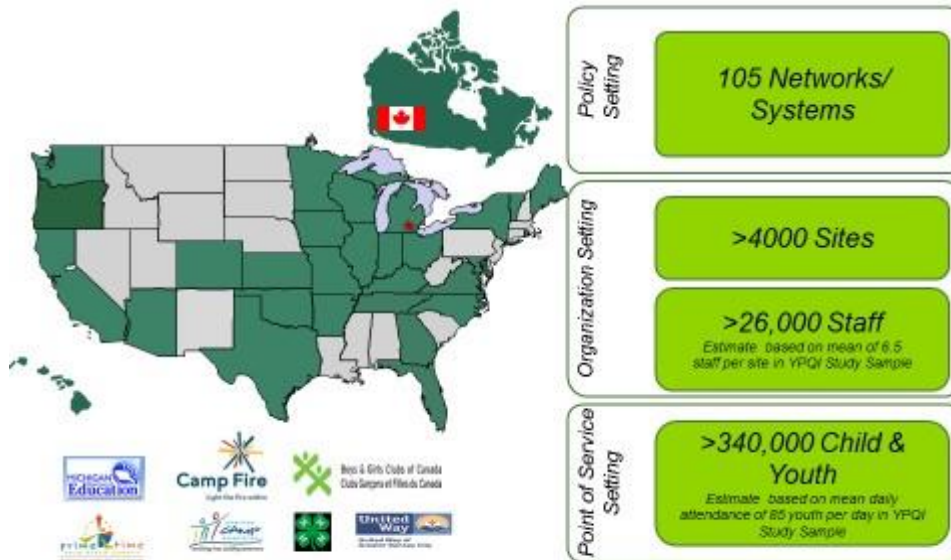
This year, the Weikart Center will be hosting a pre-conference for our clients and partners. We will be discussing a unique opportunity to be part of a learning community in the future of the OST profession. [Find out more and RSVP](#) for the pre-conference now.

View the recently released [online schedule](#) for the full National Meeting and [register today!](#)

Weikart Center Reach: Over 500 Methods TOT Grads!

As 2014 came to a close, we reached an exciting milestone of graduating over 500 trainers from the Youth Work Methods Training of Trainers. Think about what this means in terms of the impact and reach they provide as they use the curriculum across the field. Check out the new picture and numbers about how wide our reach is across the nation!

QIS Policies: Scaled Adoption of YPQI



We'll be hosting a webinar for the Methods TOT Graduates and others interested in learning more about the workshops.

When: March 17, 2 pm EST

[Register now>>](#)

For an example of our impact, check out this [video](#) from Schools Out Washington about [Why Quality Matters!](#)

The Nashville After Zone Alliance: Celebrating Five Years and 5,000 Students!

Since opening its first zone in 2010, NAZA has engaged 5,000 middle school students! Mayor Karl Dean launched NAZA to provide a much needed system of afterschool supports for Nashville's middle school youth. Over the past five years, NAZA has expanded to five geographic zones with 44 sites providing extended learning opportunities to students from 25 area middle schools. In July 2014, NAZA became a part of the Nashville Public Library and they are very excited as they look ahead to the next five years!



Nashville After Zone Alliance

[Read more>>](#)

Calendar of Events

United Way of Greater Houston Management TOT

Want to learn how to train your afterschool staff to increase the quality of their work? This

Training of Trainers helps managers and site leaders support their sites throughout the quality improvement cycle developed by the Weikart



Center. Graduates of this Youth Work Management TOT course can facilitate the Planning with Data and Quality Coaching workshops, and provide comprehensive support to staff who are involved in the process.

The course consists of four weeks of distance learning, two days of live training hosted by the United Way of Greater Houston and one week of distance follow-up. Registration deadline is March 6.

[Register here>>](#)

School's Out Washington Hosting a Youth Work Methods TOT

Want to learn how to train your afterschool staff to increase the quality of their work? The Weikart Center's Youth Work Methods Training of Trainers course teaches staff how to deliver the Youth Work Methods courses, which empower direct staff with tools to increase the quality of their instruction and boost youth engagement.



School's Out Washington will be hosting a Youth Work Methods TOT in Seattle on April 20-22. Registration deadline is March 6.

[Register now>>](#)

Archived Webinar: Summer Learning PQI



Want to bring your quality work into the summer? The Weikart Center has been working with the National Summer Learning Association to bring everything you love about the YPQI into a format that is made for summer programs. This webinar will introduce you to the Summer Learning Program Quality Intervention (Summer Learning PQI). The Summer Learning PQI is meant to support summer programs in data collection and quality improvement processes that can connect to larger, year-long efforts. On

the webinar, we'll look at the Summer Learning PQA and the training supports that are a part of the process.

[Recording>>](#)

Opportunities

The Weikart Center is hiring!

The David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality seeks a full time Portfolio Manager in its Field Services division. The Manager will oversee a growing national portfolio of quality improvement clients with a special focus on systems serving children in school-age care settings and summer learning programs. The Manager will coordinate field consultants who implement the work, serve as a member of the Weikart Center's management team, and be the Weikart Center's voice in school age care and summer learning policy conversations. This position is expected to work out of our Michigan office although an alternative location may be considered for the right candidate.

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