REPORTS AND GUIDES

High Quality Programs Boost Outcomes
A new report provides more evidence that high-quality afterschool services boost academic performance.

An evaluation of the Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers shows that students in high-quality centers had fewer disciplinary incidents, were more likely to be promoted, and improved their reading and math scores on a state standardized test. The more that the students attended these high-quality programs, the larger the effect.

The study - Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers: Year 2 Evaluation Report - was conducted by American Institutes for Research with contributions from the Weikart Center. The findings reinforce the long-held belief of the Weikart Center and its clients that quality matters.

Read the study

More on Quality to Outcomes...
Learn more about how a high dosage of quality programming leads to positive outcomes for youth, including outcomes that predict school success. On March 26, the Weikart Center hosted an hour-long webinar where Charles Smith discussed the quality-to-outcomes model and AIR presented the findings from the Texas study mentioned above.

Listen now

PRESENTATIONS
National AfterSchool Association Annual Convention
Join this comprehensive program of professional development opportunities. The Weikart Center and Forum staff especially hope to see you in these sessions in which they are speaking:

**Youth Program Quality Scorecard: Leading Indicators for Youth Engagement**
*Joe Bertoletti*, director of field services, David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality

**After-School Systems and Collective Impact**
*Nicole Yohalem*, senior director of special projects, the Forum for Youth Investment

**Measuring Our Success: Reflections on Choosing Outcomes, Learning to Assess Them, and Understanding Why We Must**
*Nicole Yohalem and Charles Smith*, executive director of the David P. Weikart Center on Youth Program Quality

**Boost Program Quality by Connecting to a Community-Wide System**
*Nicole Yohalem*

**High Quality STEM Programs: A Framework for Measuring Success**
*Charles Smith*

**Closing Plenary**
*Karen Pittman*, CEO, the Forum for Youth Investment

When & Where: April 7-10, Indianapolis, Ind.
*Learn more here*

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**CALENDAR**

**What’s Next? Series Webinar: Expanded Learning Initiative**
Though many out-of-school time programs aspire to influence school success, results can be inconclusive - unless specific outcomes are prioritized and providers receive feedback and supports designed to help them achieve those outcomes. Learn how the Weikart Center helps out-of-school time leaders name, focus on and affect outcomes related to school success.

Thursday, April 25, 1 p.m. ET
*Register now >>*
What's Next? Series Webinar: Plan Do Reflect

The Weikart Center has spent the past decade working to build quality systems nationwide through use of the Youth Program Quality Assessment and Intervention. We'll reflect on the impact of this work, including results of the YPQI study. Learn where we go from here and how emerging work meets the needs of the afterschool field and broadens to other systems serving youth.

Thursday, May 2, 1 p.m. ET
Register now >>

Youth Work Methods Training of Trainers

Want to learn how to train your afterschool staff to increase the quality of their work? The Weikart Center is offering its Youth Work Methods Training of Trainers course. This session teaches staff how to deliver the Youth Work Methods courses, which empower direct staff with tools to increase the quality of their instruction which can lead to higher youth engagement.

When & Where: Chicago, Ill., June 12-14 (date changel)
Learn more >>
Register now for Chicago >> Registration ends April 26

Coaching for Continuous Improvement Training

Learn how to improve supports, including how to maximize data-driven planning for out-of-school-time programs you serve. During this training, you'll examine the structure and philosophy of the Technical Assistance and Coaching Support Systems (TACSS) model as a way to deepen the Youth Program Quality Intervention.

When & Where: Ann Arbor, Mich., June 19-20
Learn more >>
Register now >> Registration ends May 24
Youth Work Methods Experience
Improve your ability to provide comprehensive support to staff to help them improve their practices. Explore the Active-Participatory Approach in-depth, experience three key Youth Work Methods and strengthen coaching and observational skills.

When & Where: Ypsilanti, Mich., July 22-23
Learn more >>
Register now >> Registration ends June 28