



# **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.

### RECENT PRESENTATIONS

#### **Workshop Shows How to Plan with Multiple Data Types**

Anyone interested in using data to develop quality improvement plans would have benefitted from a recent day-long planning workshop that the Weikart Center held with Washington's 21st Century Community Learning Center programs. Participants looked at Leading Indicators Reports (a compilation of multiple data sources including staff, manager, parent and student surveys), Local Evaluation Reports (which were customized to meet the needs of each program) and Program Quality Assessment data.



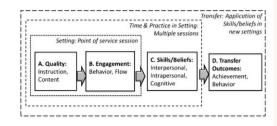
Debra Appleton, program supervisor for 21st Century CLC programs in Washington State, said of the training, "I am very pleased with the level of staff engagement in their data, and planning to make improvements."

Learn more about the Leading Indicators here.

Learn more about Planning with Data here.

# What the Ready by 21 Expanded Learning Initiative Means for OST Providers

Charles Smith, executive director of the Weikart Center, visited with Providence AfterSchool Alliance and the Chicago Allies last month to discuss the concepts behind the Ready by 21 Expanded Learning Initiative.



This initiative explores how enrichment-focused OST programs contribute to school success and help position OST programming as a leading expanded learning strategy something many of you are engaged in to varying degrees.

Stay tuned for more information about the Expanded Learning Initiative this spring.

#### **REPORTS AND GUIDES**

#### **OST Programs and Schools Can Share Data**

Does the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act block schools and out-of-school time (OST) partners from sharing student data? No, says this policy brief from the Partnership for Children and Youth, *Data*-



Sharing: Federal Rules and Best Practices. By outlining examples from the field, this paper aims to pave the way for more OST programs and their school partners to use student data to improve educational outcomes and opportunities for all students.

Read the brief >>

#### **NEW MATERIALS**

#### **Scores Reporter Tutorial Videos**

Short video tutorials are now available for the Online Scores Reporter. Whether you're a first-time user, an experienced user looking for a refresher, or you just want to know all of the features available, you can find what you need in these videos. The library will continue to grow, so please check back frequently.



View tutorial videos here >>

#### **Pyramid Updated**

With updated Youth and School-Age PQA instruments being used in programs, the Weikart Center has also updated its Pyramid of Program Quality poster. Purchase a poster today in our online store.

Purchase a poster here >>



## **CALENDAR**

#### **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.



Where: Ypsilanti, Mich., Feb. 27 - Mar. 1.

<u>Find out more >></u> Register here>>

#### Ready by 21 National Meeting

For years we've been working toward the same goal: Getting all young people ready by 21 for college, work and life. It's time to once again come together to share our experiences, to learn from each other and to hear new ideas.



That's why we're asking you to save these dates: March 11-13, for the second annual Ready by 21 National Meeting!

The National Meeting will bring together hundreds of leaders like you from all over the country who dedicate themselves to improving the odds for children and youth through collective impact initiatives, policy alignment and program quality improvement. You've come to Ready by 21 along several paths:

- The Ready by 21 National Partnership and the Quality Counts initiative
- The David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality
- The Forum for Youth Investment's Policy Team

The 2013 Ready by 21 National Meeting will give you a chance to network with colleagues and experts from around the nation about what we've accomplished together and how we'll move forward. You'll hear about research, experiences and strategies for creating change and measuring impact in programs, communities and states. You'll learn how leaders have:

- Adopted Standards for creating effective change.
- Implemented Solutions to achieve goals.
- Achieved Success that can be measured.

In the coming weeks, you'll get more information through e-mails and on the Ready by 21 National Meeting website. Registration and the hotel block will open soon. We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

Where: Atlanta, Geo., Mar. 11-13.

Find out more >>

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