

# 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.

## FEATURES

### National Summer Learning Association and Weikart Center Partner for Combined Assessment Pilot this Summer

With support from the William T. Grant, Doug and Maria DeVos, and Packard foundations, the Weikart Center has partnered with the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) to develop a unique Program Quality Assessment (PQA) for summer programs that combines elements of the Youth PQA with NSLA's Comprehensive Assessment of Summer Programs. The new Summer Learning PQA is being piloted in Baltimore, Md., Grand Rapids, Mich., and Oakland, Calif. this year. Given the nature of summer programming, the tool and process were designed to meet the unique needs of these programs by capturing specific aspects of program culture and adjusting the assessment and improvement process to fit into a tight summer timeline.

NSLA and the Weikart Center are excited about the future possibilities for this tool after the 2013 pilot.

There will be a workshop on the partnership and pilot process at National Conference on Summer Learning in November. Follow this link for more information and to register if you are interested: [www.summerlearning.org/conference](http://www.summerlearning.org/conference)



## REPORTS AND GUIDES

### Expanded Learning Project Shows Promise

What happens when redesigned schools partner with community youth-serving organizations to extend the learning day? Among other things, math scores and attendance improve, says this [report](#) from The After-School Corporation about the first year of a demonstration project.

# PRESENTATIONS

## The Afterschool Field: Looking Back, and Forward

The afterschool field has come a long way in the past 25 years. How has it changed and what lies ahead? A group of veterans from the field reflected on those and other questions last month at the annual convention of the National AfterSchool Association. Watch the one-hour [discussion](#) between Forum CEO Karen Pittman; Willis Bright, director of the Lilly Endowment; Jane Quinn, vice president and director of the National Center for Community Schools at the Children's Aid Society; and Terry Peterson, director of the Afterschool and Community Learning Network at the C.S. Mott Foundation. (Video link is at the bottom of the page.)

# CALENDAR

## 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.

**Where & When:** Ypsilanti, Mich., July 22-23

[Learn more >>](#)

[Register now >>](#) Registration ends June 28



## Youth Work Management Training of Trainers

Want to learn how to train your afterschool staff to increase the quality of their work? This Training of Trainers is targeted at managers and site leaders who wish to be able to support their sites throughout the quality improvement cycle. Graduates of the Management TOT can facilitate the Planning with Data and Quality Coaching workshops, as well as provide comprehensive logistical and professional development support to staff who are involved in the process.

**Where & When:** Seattle, Wash., Sept. 26-27

Registration opens soon.



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