

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

New Tool to Help Assess Summer Learning Program Quality

In 2013 came a bold move to help assess summer learning program quality in a joint effort from the Weikart Center and the National Summer Learning Association,

One of the outcomes of this effort was the Summer Learning Program Quality Assessment (SLPQA), which works to scale data from both organizations' work. This new information is available for download by clicking on the link below. In addition, a handbook to support the Summer Learning Program Quality Intervention (PQI) process will be available for purchase in summer 2015. In general, it is likely that networks that already use either the Youth PQA or the CASP (Comprehensive Assessment of Summer Programs) will find adapting to the new tool fairly straightforward. Networks that do not currently use either tool will require a larger investment in training staff and assessors. If you are interested in implementing the Summer Learning PQI or would simply like more information, you are encouraged to [reach out to us](#) to schedule a call.



For more information and to download the SLPQA, [click here](#).

Framing an Evidence-Based Decision about 21st CCLC: How do we see the value?

The investment in the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program is a rare example of a social investment with substantially bi-partisan support and, equally important, a growing footprint of local collaboration with elected officials, school administrators, and community providers. While the program enjoys wide support, the depth of the investment should lead us to regularly ask questions about whether it's truly worth the money.

In this policy commentary from some notable thought leaders, there is reasoning about how 21st CCLC produces value and discussions on the limitations in one particular way of seeing that value - the intent-to-treat impact evaluation design

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Archived Webinar: Using Data to Build, Grow and Sustain Your Afterschool System

How can afterschool systems best leverage data to build, grow and sustain their efforts? American Youth Policy Forum and Afterschool Alliance heard from afterschool system leaders about how they are using program data to support the growth and development of their systems.



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Reports and Guides

A Family Engagement Initiative Pilot in School-Based Afterschool Programs

With the purpose of increasing the amount and intentionality of family engagement in 21st CCLC programs, MDE commissioned the Weikart Center to design, implement and evaluate a family engagement pilot with selected programs.

The report examines questions such as: Did the initiative concept produce the intended staff practices and youth experiences? Could the initiative be implemented feasibly? Was the experience received with high customer satisfaction from stakeholders (e.g., families, afterschool program staff and managers, school personnel, etc.)?

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Calendar of Events

Weikart Center Hosting a Youth Work Methods TOT in Ypsilanti

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 can lead to higher youth engagement.

The course consists of four weeks of distance learning, three days of live training in Ypsilanti, Mich., and one week of distance follow-up. Registration deadline is **June 12**.

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Opportunities

Training Coordinator Position

The Weikart Center, a division of the Forum for Youth Investment, seeks a Training Coordinator for its Ypsilanti, Mich., office. The Training Coordinator will manage the delivery of training and technical assistance to the Weikart Center's national client base of out-of-school time (OST) systems. For more information or to apply email ravi@cypq.org. The full job description can be viewed [here](#).



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