

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

Afterschool Standards Make a Difference

Does the establishment of standards for afterschool services improve their quality? Providers and parents in Washington state are finding out that the answer is "yes."

A parenting website has launched a nine-part series about the impact of new standards on the quality of afterschool programs. The first story drives home the point that, as the headline says, "What happens to kids after school matters, even more than we think."

Providers who have made quality improvement a priority will find a lot of information that they recognize and can use to deliver the "quality matters" message. The story features research by the Weikart Center and discusses the use of the Youth Program Quality Intervention. It quotes a YMCA executive saying, "In the area of youth development, this initiative has been really transformative."



Reports and Guides

Collective Impact for Policy Makers

Anyone working on collective impact strategies for children and youth doesn't want to miss the new issue of the *Stanford Social Innovation Review* - the journal that helped to launch the collective impact movement. A special supplement, Collective Insights on Collective Impact, offers nine articles from leading practitioners, funders, and thought leaders in the collective impact field, curated and funded by the Collective Impact Forum. These include two articles of particular interest to those working on youth issues, written by the Forum for Youth Investment: About how to align multiple collective impact initiatives in a community (p. 15), and about how government policies can be crafted to enhance rather than impede collective impact efforts (p. 22).



The P3s are Coming. Are You Ready?

The federal government is about to invite local, state and tribal governments to apply for unprecedented flexibility to use federal funds in innovative ways to help disconnected youth. And the Forum has created the [Performance Partnership Pilots Pre-Proposal Guide](#) to help you get ready to apply for these Performance Partnership Pilots (P3s).

[Read on](#) for more about the P3s, the Forum's latest resource in helping you apply, as well as some related key federal victories.



Calendar of Events

United Way & YPQI: Connecting Communities: Webinar #2



Do you work for United Way and lead (or hope to lead) a Quality Improvement System in your area? Weikart recently hosted a second webinar with United Ways from across the country to learn about work that others are doing, tying quality to outcomes, integrating more data into the Youth Program Quality Intervention (YPQI), and YPQI 2.0 - the next community impact strategy.

[View a Recording>>](#)

Wyman's SEL Conference to Discuss Developing Healthy Behaviors Among Teens

Young people learn - both positive and negative - social emotional skills throughout their everyday interactions. But how can we intentionally use these interactions to help teens develop healthy behaviors and life skills that will help them be successful?

[Wyman Center](#), an organization that partners with communities to provide teens with the support and opportunities they need to survive and thrive in life, will address this crucial question alongside other national experts during its annual Saigh Symposium at a free event entitled Social Emotional Learning: Funding. Policy. Practice.



Where & When: St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 8, 3:30-5 p.m. CT
[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's Youth Work Methods Training of Trainers (TOT) course 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.

The course consists of four weeks of distance learning, three days of live training, and one week of distance follow-up.

Where & When: Oakland, Calif., Oct. 27-29
[Register now>>](#)

Youth Work Management Training of Trainers

This Training of Trainers (TOT) is targeted at managers and site leaders who wish 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.



The course consists of three weeks of distance learning, two days of live training and one week of distance follow-up.

Where & When: Seattle, Wash., Nov 13-14
[Register now>>](#)

Webinar: YPQI 101: Introduction to Performance Management in Extended Learning Time

Is it time to institute a quality improvement system (QIS) in your afterschool program? Learn how a QIS can improve the infrastructure of an out-of-school time network, institute performance-based accountability, and build the skills of managers and frontline staff. The United Way of Greater Houston reflects on its implementation of the Youth Program Quality Intervention (YPQI), a continuous improvement model that improves staff skills for delivering developmentally powerful learning experiences in afterschool settings.

When: Nov. 19, 3 p.m. ET
[Register now>>](#)

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.

When: Nov. 24, 1 p.m. ET
[Register now>>](#)

Webinar: Scaling and Sustaining Quality Improvement Systems

What strategies can a network use to take the quality improvement system to scale? What are some lessons networks have learned in transitioning from a small pilot to a large scale intervention? How can a system build partnerships to sustain quality work in the long term? Join this webinar to hear from networks that have scaled up their quality improvement work and to share goals and strategies for going to scale and maintaining long term sustainability.

When: Dec. 9, 2 p.m. ET
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