

Program Quality News

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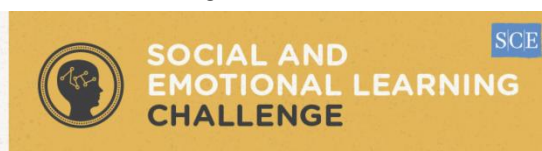
Program Quality News connects education and human service leaders with research, case studies, tools and training to improve the quality of youth programs.

Feature

Catch up on the SEL Challenge!

How does the magic happen in a good out-of-school time program? New research is helping practitioners answer that question with precision. Listen to this [recorded webinar](#) from the Nov. 12 conversation between Karen Pittman, president and CEO of the Forum for Youth Investment, and Dr. Charles Smith, executive director of the Weikart Center. The conversation dives into the Weikart Center's exciting work with the Susan Crown Exchange's Social and Emotional Learning Challenge: a research project to study staff practices and youth experiences that promote social emotional learning.

This [Challenge Summary](#) and [OPRE report](#): *Foundations for Understanding Self-Regulation from an Applied Developmental Perspective* are useful references for the discussion.



Interested in the Spanish PQA?

Ravi Ramaswamy, portfolio manager of emerging sectors and training, attended and presented at Colegio Ypsilanti de Puebla's 30th Anniversary International [Conference](#) Dec. 3-5, 2015.



[Colegio Ypsilanti](#) is a pre-k through 12th grade private school in Puebla, Mexico with its early childhood education based on the HighScope model and the middle and high school grades based on their own innovations as well as the Youth Work Methods and standards found in the PQA. Colegio Ypsilanti has been using the YPQI process in a school setting for the past four school years and helped to translate the Spanish versions of the School-Age and Youth PQAs ([available here](#)). If you are interested in the Spanish PQA or in how the YPQI might work in a local charter school based on Colegio Ypsilanti's experience, please contact Ravi: ravi@cypq.org.

Opportunities

Apply for the New York Life Excellence in Summer Learning Awards!



As a summer learning program, your organization can apply for the National Summer Learning Association's (NSLA) 2016 New York Life Excellence in Summer Learning Awards to get exposure for your program, receive valuable feedback, and win a monetary award up to \$10,000.

For more information on the awards and application process visit the [NSLA website](#).

Upcoming Youth Work Methods and Management TOTs

Austin, Texas - Youth Work Methods TOT Feb. 10-12, 2016. Coursework begins **Jan. 11**; you must be registered by **Dec. 18** to guarantee that you will receive your materials in time.

Register now >> <http://cypq.org/ywmtotregistrationaustin2016>

Houston, Texas - Youth Work Methods TOT March 2-4, 2016. Coursework begins **Feb. 1**; you must be registered by **Jan. 15** to guarantee that you will receive your materials in time.

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Ypsilanti, Mich. - Management TOT April 28-29, 2016. Coursework begins on **April 4**; you must be registered by **March 18** to guarantee that you will receive your materials in time.

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