

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.

Nurturing Social-Emotional Learning in Out-of-School-Time

Can social-emotional learning be intentionally taught and measured? This report from the Silicon Valley Out-of-School Time Collaborative and Public Profit shares results from an initiative to improve effective non-cognitive skill building opportunities and benefits for young people. Public Profit used several tools to evaluate the effectiveness of the initiative, including the Weikart Center's Youth Program Quality Assessment (YPQA).



The Silicon Valley Out-of-School-Time Collaborative is a capacity-building initiative, including eight youth development organizations and four funders in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Each of the organizations serve secondary-aged students outside the formal school day through a variety of academic supports, including tutoring, academic advising and summer enrichment programs. Between 2014-16, the Collaborative sought to build the non-cognitive skills of the youth they serve.

[Read more here.](#)

Call for Ideas: The Current Issues in Out-of-School Time Book Series

This new book series, launched by Information Age Publishing (IAP), aims to promote research and promising practices to further grow and strengthen the out-of-school time field. Their current call for book ideas welcomes topics that bring a multi-disciplinary approach and illuminate diverse and timely issues in the out-of-school time field. [For more information and submission guidelines, visit their website.](#)

Susan Crown Exchange Opening Applications to Identify Afterschool Partners for New Digital Learning Challenge



A new opportunity is available for programs to be involved in SCE's new Challenge designed to explore how organizations define, identify and measure outcomes that cultivate 21st century skill growth and how to support adults to engage teens in learning using digital tools, while building meaningful relationships.

The application process for program partners will be open January 2-20. [Follow SCE on their Facebook page for more information](#)

Happy Holidays from the Weikart Center!

The Weikart Center will be closed from December 24-January 2. Happy New Year!



Promising Practices for Social & Emotional Learning

Join SEL Challenge partner, Philadelphia Wooden Boat Factory, as they discuss Initiative and Responsibility. The mission of the Philadelphia Wooden Boat Factory is to engage the city's youth through hands-on, experiential programming inspired by the heritage of the sea. PWBF offers project-based learning clubs for students to develop motivation, coping skills, agency, self-awareness, and confidence. [This chat on Initiative and Responsibility](#) is the most recent installment in our "Learning in Action" video chat series on the domains of social and emotional learning. [Register here.](#)

6th Annual Ready By 21 National Meeting

Join hundreds of leaders from around the country who dedicate themselves to getting all of America's youth "ready by 21." At the Forum for Youth Investment's annual Ready by 21[®] National Meeting, you'll network with colleagues striving to improve the lives of kids in communities and states across the nation, and hear research, strategies, and stories about building partnerships, improving program quality, aligning policies, expanding learning and embracing readiness.

The Weikart Center will be hosting a pre-conference from 1-5pm on March 29 open to all of our clients. During the session, you'll hear directly from Weikart Center leadership and have an opportunity to engage with other quality improvement leaders.

This year's conference will be held Austin, Texas on March 29-31. [Learn more and register.](#)

Summer Learning Program Quality Intervention (SLPQI) Assessor Coach Training

Are you a trainer, coach or assessor expected to provide direct, ongoing support to summer programs for children and youth? This intensive capacity building course is intended to prepare participants to lead their summer program through a quality improvement process including data collection, coaching and improvement planning with data using the Summer Learning Program Quality Assessment (SLPQA). [Visit our website to learn more about the SLPQA](#) and receive [more information on the next training.](#)

February 22-24 - Baltimore, Md. - [Register by January 20](#)

Youth Work Methods and Management Training of Trainers

Are you a manager or site leader who wants to support your program sites through the Quality Improvement Cycle? Are you interested in building your capacity to offer professional development opportunities to your program staff?

Check out these upcoming course offerings and contact Jennifer@cypq.org with any questions.

Youth Work Methods Training-of-Trainers

March 8-10 - Denver, Colo. - [Register by January 27](#)

Youth Work Management Training-of-Trainers

February 13-14 - Miami, Fla. - [Register by January 13](#)

[Click here for more information on capacity building opportunities.](#)

Career Opportunities

Forum for Youth Investment

[**Communications Specialist**](#)

Denver Afterschool Alliance

[**Department of Extended Learning and
Community Schools**](#)

School's Out Washington

[**Expanded Learning Opportunities \(ELO\)
Quality Director**](#)

Search Institute

[**Research Scientist**](#)

The Forum for Youth Investment is the proud parent organization of:

