

Program Quality News

From the David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality

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

Happy Holidays from the Weikart Center!

The David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality wishes you a happy and healthy holiday season!



The Weikart Center will be closed from December 23 to January 2, 2018.

Upcoming Events

Registration Now Open for the Ready by 21 National Meeting

Registration is now open for the Ready by 21 National Meeting in Palm Beach County, Fla. on **April 18-20, 2018**. [Register from now through Feb. 2](#) to receive the best rate.

The [National Meeting](#) brings together more than 500 local, state and national leaders who like you are committed to improving partnerships, policies and practices for children and youth. These leaders manage change at all levels - from state policy coordination and community-wide cradle-to-career efforts to out-of-school time systems, single-issue coalitions and neighborhood-based initiatives.

The Forum for Youth Investment and the Weikart Center hope to see you there!

[Register to receive email updates from Ready by 21.](#)

The Power of Summer Learning: A Thought Leader Conversation with Karen Pittman and John Hughes

What do you get when you offer high-quality math and reading content in high-quality learning environments that focus on belonging, engagement and choice? Impressive skill growth! This was the result John Hughes, Summer Program Coordinator for the Seattle Public Schools, hoped for when he set out to cross-train summer school elementary teachers to deliver academic content using practices associated with quality out-of-school-time programs. Join to hear more about John's vision for using summer school to demonstrate why attending to students' social, emotional and academic needs pays off and how teachers, students and the district have responded over time in a conversation

with Forum for Youth Investment CEO, Karen Pittman, on **January 16 at 3:00 PM ET**.

[Register now!](#)

School-Age External Assessor Reliability Training in Houston, TX

CASE for Kids in Houston, Texas, is hosting a School-Age Program Quality Assessment External Assessor Reliability Training (SAPQA EART) on February 1 and 2, 2018. There are 3-5 slots still available. If you are interested in attending, please contact EAReliability@cypq.org and visit the Weikart Center's [Capacity Building webpage](#) to learn more.

Resource Highlight

American Evaluation Association Blog

The American Evaluation Association blog, AEA365, published a post written by Sara Plachta Elliot, executive director of the Youth Development Resource Center in Detroit, and Alicia McCormick, youth development director at Urban Neighborhood Initiatives, a community development organization in Detroit that provides a variety of youth programs. The post highlights their work done in the past year to deepen youth involvement in the program quality improvement process.

[Read the full blog post from December 14, 2017 here.](#)

Opportunities

2018 New York Life Foundation Excellence in Summer Learning and NSLA Founder's Awards

National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) is accepting applications for the 2018 New York Life Foundation Excellence in Summer Learning and NSLA Founder's Awards. Candidates for the Excellence and Founder's Awards are outstanding summer programs, models and systems that keep elementary and secondary school students learning, safe and healthy during the critical summer months. They show strong outcomes in helping students cement the skills they have learned during the academic school year through creative curricula, unique programming and effective family engagement strategies. The deadline to apply is **Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 6 PM ET**.

[Click here to learn more and apply.](#)

New York Life Foundation Seeking Applicants for Aim High Grants

The New York Life Foundation is seeking applicants for its *Aim High* grants to support afterschool, summer or expanded learning programs serving middle schoolers. *Aim High* will provide \$2.25M over three years to middle school afterschool, summer or expanded learning programs serving disadvantaged youth. This grant can be applied toward technical assistance and capacity building. If you are interested in learning more about opportunities to connect with the Weikart Center, contact joe@cypq.org.

Read the [full application and eligibility requirements](#) and join the [webinar](#) on **January 11, 2018 at 2 PM ET** to learn more.

Position Opening at Horizons National

Horizons National is currently seeking a [*Director of Quality Assurance*](#) to join their organization. This is an opportunity for a mission-driven, flexible, entrepreneurial professional with experience in data-driven improvement and project management to play a critical role in a thriving organization at a pivotal point in its evolution.

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