

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

SEL Challenge in the New York Times

Highlighting the philanthropy of Susan Crown of [SCE](#), this New York Times piece features SEL Challenge Partners and examines the work that goes into building the social and emotional skills of youth. [Read more](#) about how social and emotional learning can be intentional, supported, and measured so youth can thrive.

PREPARING
YOUTH TO **THRIVE**

Promising Practices for Social & Emotional Learning

Extended Learning Opportunities Council Recommendations Report

The *2015 Expanded Learning Opportunities Council Report* from Washington State has been released. The Council has developed a strong set of recommendations for the legislature, governor and state superintendent of Public Instruction. [View the full report.](#)

Pleas Made for Extended Learning Opportunities

[Read](#) how Vermont Afterschool, Inc. is aiding the mission to expand access to programs that serve pre-K-12 children and youth, including before and after school, summers and school vacation weeks across the state of Vermont.

 Vermont Afterschool
Partnerships, Advocacy, Training, and Resources for Excellence in Afterschool

Bridging Youth Program Quality and Social Justice

This paper from Julie Richards, of [Saint Paul Youth Services](#), provides insight as an experienced youth worker who utilized the YPQA in several programs over the course of three years. She now looks to discuss the current relationship between the Pyramid of Program Quality and the definition of social justice. [Read more here.](#)

Webinars

Summer Learning Program Quality Intervention Webinar Recording

[Listen to this webinar](#) recording for an updated overview of the Summer Learning Program Quality Intervention and how your network can get started using the available tools and supports.

Building a Robust Afterschool System: Lessons and Opportunities

Feb. 17, 2016, 2:00-3:15 p.m. ET

This webinar, from the American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF), will provide an overview of the cornerstone elements of an afterschool system and showcase how these elements are reflected in the system-building work in three communities: Palm Beach County, Fla.; Seattle/King County, Wash.; and Providence, R.I. For more information and to register, [visit this website.](#)



American Youth
Policy Forum

Calendar

Would You Like to Support Summer Program Improvement on a Smaller Scale?

The SLPQI Assessor Coach Training is an intensive capacity-building course intended to prepare participants to lead their summer program through a quality improvement process including data collection, coaching and improvement planning with data. [Read more](#) about the course and [register for the upcoming training](#), May 2-4, 2016 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Harris (Jennifer@cypq.org)

Youth Work Methods & Management TOTs

San Jose, Calif. - Methods TOT April 4-6, 2016. Coursework begins on March 7; you must be registered by February 19 to receive materials on time. [Register now](#).

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. [Register now](#).

5th 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 1-5 p.m. 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 in Baltimore on March 29-31. [Learn more and register](#).

University of Minnesota Symposium Highlighting SEL Challenge: April 6, 2016

Learn more about the SEL Challenge, the six social emotional domains highlighted in the field guide, and engage in a hands-on activity to assess SEL practices and be more intentional about social and emotional skill building in your program. [Learn more and register](#).

Save The Date: Oct. 24-26 National Conference on Afterschool and Summer

This three-day national convening will bring together the nation's top thinkers to share and discuss the partnerships, policies and programs that are breaking down traditional notions of when and where learning occurs. Join the [National Summer Learning Association](#) and [School's Out Washington](#) in Seattle, Wash. this fall.

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