

# 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.

## 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.](#)

### Capacity Building

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?

Upcoming Opportunities:

- Ann Arbor, MI Methods TOT: March 27-29, 2018 - [Register here.](#)
- Ann Arbor, MI Management TOT: April 12-13, 2018 - [Register here.](#)
- Houston, TX Methods TOT: April 25-27, 2018 - [Register here.](#)

If you are interested in attending a Capacity Building training, [please fill out this form](#) so we can contact you when opportunities are available. TOT trainings will continue to be added throughout the year.

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

**Opportunity Announcement:** We are looking for programs in the Southeast, Michigan area that are eager to showcase their program and work with the YPQI to collect video footage for use in trainings starting next fall. Selected programs will be provided a free TOT slot or guidebooks in exchange for this service. For inquiries, please contact Barbara Hillaker at [Barbara@cypq.org](mailto:Barbara@cypq.org).

### External Assessor Reliability Training

If you are interested in attending an upcoming EART training, please contact

[EAreliability@cypq.org](mailto:EAreliability@cypq.org). Availability is dependent on the hosting network's capacity to extend space for additional participants.

Upcoming Trainings:

- Houston, TX - February 1-2, 2018 - School-Age PQA

[Fill out the interest form](#) and we will notify you when new External Assessor Reliability Trainings become available.

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## Resource Highlight

### Governance Structures for City Afterschool Systems

How are city afterschool systems best governed? A [new brief](#) from the FourPoint Education Partners and the Wallace Foundation provides governance models and examples for three distinct systems: public agency, network and nonprofit. The brief is accompanied by an [infographic](#) depicting the three models and draws from sources including interviews with leaders from 15 cities with afterschool systems.

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## Opportunities

### Position Openings at the David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality

#### **Executive Vice President, The Forum for Youth Investment/Managing Director, David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality, Ypsilanti, MI**

The Forum for Youth Investment seeks a collaborative, innovative and entrepreneurial leader and manager for the David P. Weikart Center to advance the ultimate mission of the Forum, ensuring the readiness of young people for life. The talented leader will grow the Weikart Center, a business unit poised for continued dynamic growth, by strengthening its products and internal systems and broadening its client base for the adaptation, implementation and scaling of quality improvement systems. Managing the close strategic and critically important relationship between the Forum and the Weikart Center, he/she will serve as the Forum's Executive Vice President and the Weikart Center's Managing Director.

Further information on position expectations, qualifications and how to apply is [available here](#).

#### **Capacity Building Training Specialist**

The Capacity Building Training Specialist will manage the delivery of training and technical assistance to the Weikart Center's national client base of out-of-school time (OST) systems. Key responsibilities will include: (a) managing all aspects - from project design to logistics to delivery - of the Weikart Center's core capacity-building curricula (e.g., Training of Trainers (TOT) courses) and other routine trainings; (b) facilitating the development of an active national learning community organized around the Weikart Center's quality improvement content and training methods; (c) supporting the development of new and ongoing improvement of existing training and technical assistance products and services and (d) delivering training for strategic projects or clients. The position will be based in the Weikart Center's Ypsilanti, Michigan office.

[View the complete position description here.](#)

#### **Research Assistant**

The Research Assistant will support the research team in providing performance

information and data products to clients. Primary focus will be on the quality of client experience with Weikart Center on-line technologies for data collection and reporting. The ideal candidate will combine strong customer service skills with basic research understanding and a comfort teaching others how to use on-line platforms and software. The position will be based in the Weikart Center's Ypsilanti, Michigan office.

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