

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

Are You Culturally Competent?

Is your program staff intentionally trained to be culturally responsive? It can be difficult for staff to understand how to provide a safe environment for youth if they have no experience or awareness of the different cultures, races, or physical disabilities that may be represented in the program. Several states, including Washington and Arizona, have made cultural responsiveness one of their out-of-school time program quality standards.

[Read more](#) about why School's Out Washington, and others, are talking about the necessity of culturally competent youth programming.



Opportunities

Webinar: Increasing Youth Voice and Leadership

Join us on August 18 at 2pm EST as guest presenter John Weiss, of The Neutral Zone, shares strategies around building strong youth-adult partnerships, creating a youth advisory council, and incorporating youth leadership into programs. The Neutral Zone in Ann Arbor, Mich. is, a diverse, youth-driven teen center dedicated to promoting personal growth through artistic expression, community leadership, and the exchange of ideas.

[Register here.](#)

National Conference on Afterschool and Summer

You won't want to miss the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) and School's Out Washington's National Conference on Afterschool and Summer Learning: Dare to Disrupt! The Pathway to Excellence and Equity in Education, October 24-26 in Seattle, Wash. 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.

[For more information and to register, click here.](#)



Calendar

Are you a Manager or Site Leader Who Wants to Support Your Sites Through the Quality Improvement Cycle?



The Youth Work Management Training-of-Trainers may be right for you! The course consists of three weeks of distance learning, two days of live training, and one week of distance follow-up. Graduates of the Management TOT can facilitate the Weikart Center's

Planning with Data and Quality Coaching workshops, as well as provide comprehensive logistical and professional development support to staff.

Ann Arbor, Mich. - November 1-2; [Register by September 16!](#)

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