

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

Preparing Youth to Thrive: University of Minnesota Extension Center for Youth Development Kicks Off Series to Understanding Social and Emotional Learning

On April 6, join Gina McGovern of the Weikart Center, Haviland Rummel of the Susan Crown Exchange, Poppy Potter of Voyageur Outward Bound School (Minn.) and Paul Griffin of The Possibility Project as they speak to a live audience at the University of Minnesota's Extension Center for Youth Development. You'll hear funder, researcher, and practitioner perspectives as they share best practices and collective expertise for equipping youth with the social and emotional skills they need to thrive.

PREPARING
YOUTH TO THRIVE

Promising Practices for Social & Emotional Learning

This event will be offered both in person and as a webcast. [Find out more here.](#)

Interested in learning more about the Social and Emotional Learning Challenge? Tune in to our webinar series, "Creating the Conditions for Social and Emotional Learning to Thrive," or check out our video chat series, "Learning In Action." [Read more for details about the series and how to register.](#)

The Data Adds Up to Quality

The numbers are in! Check out how Sprockets in St. Paul, Minn. is using Youth PQA data and improving quality in their [2014-2015 Out-of-School Time Report](#).



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 children and youth 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.

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

Calendar

Support Summer Program Improvement in your Organization or School District

Summer will be here before you know it and we are excited to launch a new capacity-building course for summer program leaders. The training prepares leaders to implement a quality improvement process using the Summer Learning Program Quality Assessment (SLPQA). [Learn more about the course and register!](#) Takes place in Ann Arbor, Mich. from May 2-4, with distance-based work beginning April 11.

Not familiar with the Summer Learning Program Quality Assessment and the Summer Learning PQI model? [Check out our website](#) to download the SLPQA and other valuable resources. For additional questions contact Jennifer Harris at jennifer@cypq.org.

Check out this [local news feature](#) from Louisville, Ky. with one of our Field Consultants, Monica Marie Jones, to hear more about how one organization is preparing staff for a great summer.

Youth Work Methods & Management TOTs

Ypsilanti, Mich. - Management TOT - April 28-29, 2016. Coursework begins April 8; registration closes **March 25**. [Register now](#).

Seattle, Wash. - Methods TOT -- May 11-13, 2016. Coursework begins on **April 11**; registration closes **March 21**. [Register now](#).

Ypsilanti, Mich. - Methods TOT -- May 23 - 25, 2016. Registration opening soon; contact Jennifer at [Jennifer@cypq.org](mailto:jennifer@cypq.org) for more information.

Coaching for Continuous Improvement

This capacity-building training is designed to support and enhance the skills of individuals who provide Coaching and Technical Assistance to program managers within a Quality Improvement System.

Ann Arbor, Mich. - April 13-14, 2016. Coursework begins March 24; you must be registered by **March 18** to receive materials on time. [Register now](#).

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