

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.

Ready by 21 National Meeting



Leaders from around the country gathered in Palm Beach County last month to explore how to ensure readiness, promote equity, increase shared commitments and improve program quality for all young people. Over 780 people convened for the 7th annual Ready by 21 National Meeting and learned from experts, practitioners and policymakers about how to improve partnerships and supports for children and youth.

All workshop presentations from the event have now been uploaded to the [national meeting website](#). Simply click on the workshop you are interested in, and then look for the presentation link below the presenter area. [Photos](#) from the three content-rich and fun-packed days have been uploaded as well. Videos of the plenary sessions will be posted soon.

We hope to see you in 2019!

Events

2018 Bridge Conference: Elevate Youth Voice

[Registration is now open](#) for the 2018 Bridge Conference. The conference will take place October 29-30 at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington in Renton, Wash. This year's theme, Elevate Youth Voice, will explore how we can authentically embed practices and strengthen community, state, and national systems that drive equity and support young people in affecting change.

Eastern Michigan University Bright Futures' Ideas to Action Gathering

Social and Emotional Learning takes on a Design Mindset this June! Join Eastern Michigan University (EMU) Bright Futures for their Ideas to Action Gathering June 28-29, hosted in collaboration with the [Institute for Innovation in Education](#) (iIE). Whether you come to one or both days, you can count on new connections, inspiration, skill-building opportunities and shared creative energy.

Click [this link](#) to view the whole two-day schedule. One-day passes for Friday, June 29 are still available. To register, follow [this link](#).

SEL in Afterschool Day

The Weikart Center was proud to join [WINGS for Kids](#) as a partner in SEL in Afterschool Day on April 24. Along with fellow leaders in the field, we were able to build awareness of the positive impact of afterschool SEL programming on young people. We hope you'll join us in continuing the conversation and sharing stories using the hashtag #SELinAfterschool.

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 Training of Trainers (TOT):

Youth Work Methods:

- Seattle, Wash. - July 25-27, 2018 - [Register here](#). For more information, view the [flyer](#).
- Ann Arbor, Mich. - September 19-21, 2018 - [Register here](#). For more information, view the [flyer](#).

Youth Work Management:

- Ann Arbor, Mich. - October 2-3, 2018 - [Register here](#). For more information, view the [flyer](#).

If you are interested in attending a capacity building training, [fill out this form](#) so we can contact you when opportunities are available.

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

Job Opportunities

After-School All-Stars

Assessment Specialist

After-School All-Stars is currently seeking an Assessment Specialist to build out assessment tools and systems to drive rapid cycle program improvement.

[View complete position description here.](#)

David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality

It's an exciting time at the Weikart Center and we'd love for you to join us!

Current Openings:

- Executive Vice President, Forum for Youth Investment/Managing Director, David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality
- Project Management Assistant

We're sharing the details far and wide. Hiring people with a diverse set of experiences and backgrounds has been a key part of our success and helps us achieve our mission.

[Learn more about the openings.](#)

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