

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

Summer Learning Program Quality Intervention Pilot Update!

Fall is here and with after school starting up again, most summer programs have packed up and begun the long wait until next June. This is not the case for Denver Afterschool Alliance and

Sprockets in St. Paul. As participants in the Summer Learning Program Quality Intervention pilot program in partnership with the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA), these groups are deep in the planning phase of the intervention, and are getting ready to implement action steps for higher quality camps and programs next summer.



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From Idea to Action: A New Summary Report on Expanded Learning Systems

Around the country, interest is growing in developing coordinated systems of afterschool programming to expand students' access to high-quality learning opportunities beyond the school day, and to help equip them with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive.

Read the full summary report of the peer-learning institute that was hosted earlier this year by Every Hour Counts for community teams.

[Read the full summary report.](#)



Reports and Guides

Calendar

Fourth City Symposium in Providence, RI

Come learn how your city can build an after school system for middle and high school aged youth! City teams of public and private sector leaders are invited to a two-day cross-city learning session to learn with the [Providence After School Alliance \(PASA\)](#).



The Symposium will be held in Providence November 4-5.
[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Youth Work Methods and Management TOT

Want to learn how to train your afterschool staff to increase the quality of their work? The Weikart Center's Youth Work Methods Training of Trainers course teaches staff how to deliver the Youth Work Methods courses, which empower direct staff with tools to increase the quality of their instruction and boost youth engagement.

The course consists of four weeks of distance learning, three days of live training in Kansas City, Mo., and one week of distance follow-up. The registration deadline is Sept. 18.

Register now >> <http://cypq.org/ywmtotregistrationkansascity2015>

The Weikart Center will be hosting a Management TOT on October 22 and 23 in Ypsilanti, Mich. Note that coursework begins on September 28. You must be registered by September 18 in order to guarantee that you will receive your coursework materials in time.

Register now>> <http://cypq.org/YWManagementTOTregistrationypsilanti2015>

Please send any questions to Jennifer Harris at jennifer@cypq.org.

Opportunities

Interested in joining our team? The Weikart Center is Hiring!

We are looking for talented professionals to join our growing organization. Interested candidates are welcome to apply!

The Weikart Center provides performance measurement and management services to a wide range of education and human services organizations serving at-risk children and youth. In 2015, the Weikart Center supported 105 Quality Improvement Systems including over 4,000 program sites in 40 states.



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Research of Note

New Study Describes Effectiveness of Palm Beach County QIS

Did you know that programs that quality rating for programs serving higher-need communities equal those in more affluent areas?

This is just one of the many findings that came out of a performance report for the Palm Beach County Quality Improvement System (QIS), one of the original design and demonstration partnerships for the YPQI. The report describes the Prime Time QIS, recent revisions to the quality [assessment tool](#) (PBC-PQA), and presents the following findings [for over 100 afterschool providers](#).

These findings suggest that the Prime Time QIS is effective, is building and maintaining high levels of quality over time, is improving scores where targeted, and is helping to achieve equity effects by assuring high quality services in high need areas.

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