

Program Quality News

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Congratulations to the recent graduates of the Ann Arbor, Mich.
Youth Work Methods Training of Trainers!



If you're a manager or site leader who wants to support your program sites through the Quality Improvement Cycle or interested in building your capacity to offer professional development opportunities to your program staff, this training is for you!

Upcoming Training of Trainers (TOT) -

Youth Work Methods:

- **Seattle, Wash.:** December 12-14, 2018 - [Register Here!](#) For more information, please view the [flyer](#).

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

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

Social and Emotional Learning in Out-of-School Time: Foundations and Futures

"It is now time to demonstrate the value of the practitioners by supporting efforts to codify 'what and how' lessons to create a field of adult practice that focuses on modeling, teaching and enabling social and emotional development through active reflection and engagement." Karen Pittman, president and CEO of the Forum for Youth Investment, charges us to move beyond demonstrating the value of "where" and "when" in out-of-school time settings in a recent publication of the Information Age Publishing (IAP) series, *Current Issues in Out-of-School Time*.

This volume contains chapters from experts in the field, including Weikart Center staff, as well as a closing commentary from Karen Pittman, and focuses on social and emotional learning from a variety of perspectives to offer a clear framing of SEL in relation to other OST concepts and initiatives.

[Learn more and read the full volume.](#)

Share Your Story at the 8th Annual Ready by 21 National Meeting

The Forum for Youth Investment is now accepting workshop proposals for the Ready by 21 National Meeting being held in Seattle, Wash. on April 23-25, 2019 and we encourage you to submit a proposal!



As you'll see in [the Request for Proposals](#), the workshops are designed to help participants dig deeper into the effective partnerships, practices and policies that states and communities are implementing to improve outcomes for young people. [Click here](#) for guidance into the four meeting themes:

- **Ensuring Readiness** for college, work and life, by building competencies, abilities and mindsets.
- **Promoting Equity** for all young people, and especially closing gaps for populations often facing great challenges (e.g. boys & young men of color, opportunity youth, youth in foster care, pregnant & parenting youth, etc.).
- **Improving Program and Practice Quality** and effectiveness in ways that spark management & staff engagement and support better outcomes for young people.
- **Increasing Shared Commitment** to changing the odds for young people through common goals, strategies and measures within and across systems & sectors.

The deadline for submission is Friday, October 26 at 5:00 PM ET. For more information and to review the 2018 National Meeting agenda for ideas, please visit [the Ready by 21 National Meeting website](#).

SEL and Afterschool: What is the Connection? Is there Evidence? A Thought Leader Conversation with Nancy Deutsch

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018
1:00-2:00 PM EDT**

When asked, practitioners, policy makers and parents will quickly affirm that out-of-school time programs provide young people of all ages with opportunities to build and use their social and emotional skills.

Why is it then, that there is such a paucity of research on why, how, and how much these programs contribute to skill development? What kinds of policy changes could help OST programs promote SEL more effectively? Has the press for these programs to demonstrate impact on academic outcomes helped or hurt the cause?

[Register now](#) to join Karen Pittman and Nancy Deutsch with the University of Virginia's Youth-Nex as they discuss these critical questions.

Opportunities

David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality

It's an exciting time at the Forum for Youth Investment and we'd love for you to join us!

Current Opening in Ypsilanti, Mich.:

- Training Design & Delivery Specialist

[Learn more about this position.](#)

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