

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.

Welcoming Dr. Kimberly Robinson and David Martineau to the Forum Family

Exciting things have been happening this summer at the Weikart Center! As we enter our second decade, we are bringing new energy and leadership to the team to reinforce our dedication to delivering excellent products and services to enhance youth program quality.

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Kimberly Howard Robinson has joined us as the new managing director of the Weikart Center and executive vice president of the Forum for Youth Investment. Kim brings a commitment to continuous quality improvement, expertise in the use of data to drive change and a passion for improving outcomes for children and families. [Read the press release here.](#)

In addition, we have welcomed [David Martineau](#) back to the Weikart Center as our new director of product design and innovation. We say "back" because Dave helped develop the Trainer Certification and Youth Worker Certification Programs as a project coordinator for the HighScope Educational Research Foundation, and later served as a Weikart Center field consultant from 2009-2011. Dave will lead the Weikart Center's design team that will work to strengthen existing and new trainings, written materials, and supports to better serve our partners committed to improving program quality within their networks. Check out the job opportunities below to learn more about joining the growing design team.

We hope you'll join us in warmly welcoming them to the Forum for Youth Investment family!

Events

Save the Date for the 8th Annual Ready by 21 National Meeting



Meet us in the Emerald City for the 8th Annual Ready by 21 National Meeting! Join 500+ leaders who are working to improve outcomes for young people in communities and states across the country. You'll also hear strategies, research and stories about partnering for better impact, aligning policies, improving program quality and performance, and embracing readiness in the pursuit of equity.

Mark your calendars for April 23-25 and stay tuned for more information on the [Ready by 21 website.](#)

Ready by 21 Learning Lab October 2018: Tools & Techniques for Achieving Results

A practical, hands-on three-day workshop and coaching session is being offered for leaders actively involved in community change efforts focused on children & youth on October 23-25, 2018 in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The learning lab is designed for leaders who are thinking about how the critical tasks of community change management can be staged and sequenced in order to move steadily towards improving outcomes. It is particularly useful for those in the early stages of forming or planning an initiative, or in the process of re-igniting or refreshing their initiative for the next phase of joint work. Special emphasis is given to tools and techniques that help leaders align and connect multiple issues and efforts, identifying areas for joint planning and action.

[Learn more and register today.](#)

Michigan After-School Collaborative 2018 Leadership Institute and Conference

Michiganders can register today for the [2018 MAC Conference](#) being held October 25-26, 2018 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, Michigan. This conference is intended for the Michigan out-of-school time community, including teachers, direct service staff, administrators, directors, supervisors and child care providers. Attendees can expect to engage in topics around leadership, research, team building, collaborative planning, strategies, and techniques to affirm the importance of establishing rich, supportive environments and high-quality services for children, youth and families in out-of-school time programs.

[Register by October 12, 2018.](#)

2018 Bridge Conference: Elevate Youth Voice

This year's 2018 Bridge Conference, hosted annually by School's Out Washington, will take place October 29-30, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at Seattle's Southport in Renton. 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.

The [full 2018 Bridge Conference workshop schedule](#) is now live and available for you to browse the selection of sessions on cutting-edge topics and practices to support your work with, and for, young people.

[Register for the conference here.](#)

Resources

Promoting SEL and Character Skills in Expanded Learning Programs

There is a strong consensus that young people need more than reading and writing skills if they are to be successful in school, work, and life.

[This paper](#), by Sam Piha and Rozel Cruz of [Temescal Associates](#), provides an overview of social-emotional and character building skills. It goes on to provide examples of activities and practices for expanded learning programs provided for, and by, Expanded Learning Programs and Technical Assistance organizations. Organizations across California were used to identify expanded learning practices and activities.

Opportunities

David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality

- Senior Manager of Training Design & Delivery
- Training Design & Delivery Specialist

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