

Youth and Program Strengths

Increasing Quality in Out-of-School Time Programs

Program quality is an increasingly important topic among directors, youth workers, and educators who provide out-of-school time (OST) programs. Beyond their own desire to build greater quality programs, providers are often challenged to demonstrate effectiveness to funders and other stakeholders. This interactive workshop will provide participants with a framework for identifying what's working in their programs and tools for increasing program quality. During the workshop, participants will

- Review Search Institute's Developmental Assets framework and its strength-based approach to working with youth
- Become familiar with research-based program quality standards
- Reflect on the relationship between critical elements of program quality and Developmental Assets
- Identify ways that their program currently reflects quality and areas where steps can be taken to build greater program quality
- Determine priorities for increasing the quality of their program and identify action steps for implementing these priorities
- Reflect on the importance of using data to determine program improvement
- Learn about Search Institute's new *Youth and Programs Strengths* survey for data collection and measurement related to program quality standards

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Format: Full day

Continuing Education Credits Available

Facilitator: James Conway

Who should attend: Directors, youth workers, and educators who work in out-of-school time programs

Required Resources:
150 Ways to Show Kids You Care posters

Asset Approach booklet

Optional Resources:

Great Group Games

Best of Building Assets Together: Favorite Group Activities That Help Youth Succeed

Group, Troops, Clubs, and Classrooms book

Take It Personally booklet