



A Special Meeting for Youth Funders

**NEW DIRECTIONS FOR QUALITY IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:
WHAT FUNDERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RESEARCH & PRACTICE**

AGENDA

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 • Xcel Energy • 9:00-1:30

Meeting Objectives

- ★ Learn about Minnesota's quality framework for youth development and its relevance to funding.
- ★ Understand the research that supports quality practice and programs.
- ★ Identify practical applications of quality principles and tools to your grant making.

9:00 **Welcome**

Tim Showalter-Loch, Community Relations
Senior Manager, Best Buy Company

Introductions

Edie Meissner, Facilitator

9:30 **Making Quality Matter:**
our shift from research to
action

Deborah Moore, Operations Director,
Youth Work Institute, University of Minnesota

10:10 Break

10:20 **Quality in Out of School Time:**
experimental evidence and
emerging policies & practices

Dr. Charles Smith, Executive Director, David P.
Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality;
VP of Research, The Forum for Youth Investment

11:30 **Funders Use Minnesota's
Quality Framework**

Marjorie Grevious, Greater Twin Cities United Way
Sheila Oehrlein, MN Department of Education
Denise Mayotte, The Sheltering Arms Foundation

12:00 **Reflections on today and
possible next steps**

Edie Meissner

12:20 **Lunch & Table Questions**

Tim Showalter-Loch

1:30 **Adjourn**

Tim Showalter-Loch

★ **FEATURING** ★

Deborah Moore **Making Quality Matter: our shift from research to action**
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Deborah Moore is the Operations Director for Youth Work Institute (YWI) at the University of MN. YWI has brought Quality Matters, a year-long learning project for youth-serving organizations to more than 200 organizations across Minnesota in the last 3 years, with support from project coaches and the Youth Program Quality Assessment (YPQA) tool. The project was included in a national study on improving youth program quality with the High/Scope Education Foundation and showed to positively affect the levels of quality. In ongoing evaluation data, 82% of programs increased their level of quality after participating in the project.

Dr. Charles Smith **Quality in Out of School Time: experimental evidence and emerging policies and practices**
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Charles Smith is Executive Director of David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality (CYPQ) and Vice President of Research for The Forum for Youth Investment. His current policy and consulting focus is on development of quality accountability and improvement systems in education and human service organizations. CYPQ is charged with positioning point of service quality as a powerful public idea that drives the out-of-school time field toward higher levels of understanding, expectation, and action about the quality of experiences available to children and youth.

Minnesota Funders **Minnesota Funders Use Minnesota's Quality Framework**
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Marjorie Grevious, Greater Twin Cities United Way, Sheila Oehrlein, Minnesota Department of Education and Denise Mayotte, The Sheltering Arms Foundation, share their experiences of using the framework.

