

Positive Youth Development & Programming: This training introduces educators to the concept of positive youth development as an intentional approach to working with youth in programs. We discuss the theoretical philosophy of this educational approach through the lens of the validated Rhode Island Program Quality Assessment tool (RIPQA)- developed by the Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality- and use their scaffolding approach to thinking about the way adults work with youth.

UWRI Lights On Afterschool Mini Conference: Hosted by United Way of RI, this is an advocacy conference focused on “Everyone’s An Advocate” with multiple workshops available for beginner, intermediate, and advanced youth workers. Visit www.uwri.org for more information.

Know Yourself, Know Your Students: This session will explore issues of cultural competency; we will engage in conversations related to cultural diversity and acceptance and examine how personal biases play into fostering safe and supportive environments. In order for students to be successful academically, their social and emotional needs must also be acknowledged and continually developed. How are you addressing these needs in your program?

UWRI Introduction to RIPQA: For those who are new to interacting with the RI Program Quality Assessment tool. The Rhode Island Program Quality Assessment (RIPQA) is a quality assessment tool and improvement process that is used by after school and youth development organizations across Rhode Island. Participants learn about the two components of the tool: a program observation tool designed to help front-line staff and instructors improve their practice (Form A) and an administrative checklist designed to help directors improve their overall administrative management practices (Form B).

Group Facilitation Strategies: This session focuses on the benefits of grouping youth to achieve successful cooperative learning in programming. Participants will learn how to better facilitate groups in order to maximize time and youth outcomes. This is an opportunity to engage in a practice exchange with peers and discuss successes and challenges when working with groups of youth: large, small or individually.

UWRI Methods Series: Building Community/Structure and Clear Limits: Please visit www.uwri.org for more information.

UWRI Methods Series: Cooperative Learning: Please visit www.uwri.org for more information.

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Behavior Management & Conflict Resolution: Participants learn strategies that build upon the foundation of restorative practices and fostering positive environments. Specifically, this training focuses on the proactive and reactive ways adults can empower youth to reflect on their actions and make restitution to individuals or communities they have negatively impacted. Restorative behavior

practices utilize positive interactions of mutual respect and expectations to stem behavioral issues, including moderated arbitration, and affinity circles for youth with similar behavioral issues.

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Fall Provider Orientation: Orientation to AfterZone/Hub programming. This covers all pertinent information related to program logistics, site information, contract needs, and overall questions. Instructors of programs should be in attendance of orientation.

Provider Brown Bag Series: An open forum for community partners to network, discuss programs, exchange resources, and hear from PASA with any relevant communication or updates. These are typically unstructured sessions that provide a gathering space for community partners and PASA staff to strengthen relationships through conversations.

Goal Setting/Planning with Data: Goal setting is the easy part-it's the follow through that is most difficult! This workshop will focus on the implementation of goals and how to use data from your organization/youth to move goals and plans forward.

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Youth Engagement Specialist (YES) Orientation: For PASA YES staff only.

YES Planning Days: For PASA YES staff only. Pre-determined dates for PASA frontline staff to come together collectively and cross-plan lessons and activities for Club AfterZone.