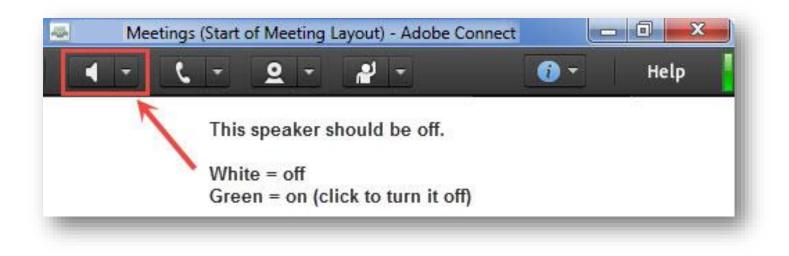
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### Investing in Intermediaries to Build OST Quality: A Grantmaker Discussion

PRESENTED BY: GFE'S OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME FUNDER NETWORK





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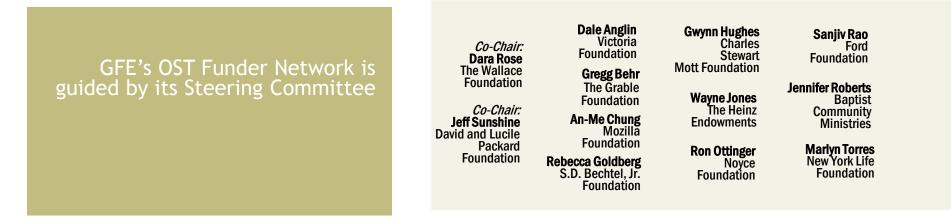
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**Grantmakers for Education's Out-of-School Time Funder Network** was created in 2009 as a forum within GFE for philanthropic organizations interested in increasing access to high-quality OST experiences for young people and building systemic supports to sustain the field. Our primary strategies include sharing knowledge and effective practices; forging collaborations among grantmakers; and building alliances with K-12 education reform, child development and wellbeing, and other aligned grantmaking communities.



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### **Objectives for Today's Web Seminar**

- Provide overview of quality in OST: what does it look like and how to achieve it
- Illustrate the role of state and local intermediary organizations in building/sustaining systems to promote quality in out-of-school time programs
- Highlight the experiences and challenges of grantmakers who invest in these intermediaries

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### Agenda

- I. Context on Quality and Systems Building in OST Moderator: Priscilla Little, *The Wallace Foundation*
- II. Grantmaker/Intermediary Pairs:
  - A. Kari Pardoe, C.S. Mott Foundation and Debbie Zipes, Indiana Afterschool Network
  - B. Chana Edmond-Verley, *Douglas and Maria DeVos Foundation* and Lynn Heemstra, *Our Community's Children*
- III. Discussion
- IV. Wrap-Up





**Priscilla Little** 

Initiative Manager

The Wallace Foundation

# After-school can build critical skills

"Recent studies indicate that high-quality, wellmanaged and -structured OST opportunities can help youth develop critical academic, social, and emotional attributes and skills, especially if offered consistently and persistently over time."

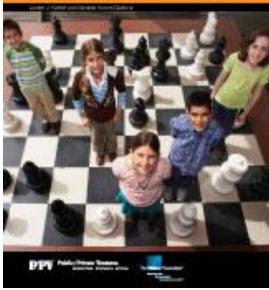
-- Hours of Opportunity, The Rand Corporation, 2010

# Quality is key - and can be uneven

"Not all programs are effective. Two conditions must exist for youth to benefit: The programs must be of high quality, and youth must participate over a sustained period. ... Unfortunately, in many programs, and for certain subgroups of youth, these conditions are not consistently met."

> -- AfterZones: Creating a Citywide System to Support and sustain High-Quality After-School Programs, Public/Private Ventures, 2010

AfterZones: Creating a Citywide System to Support and Sustain High-Quality After-School Programs





### How many cities are coordinating?

#### A MAJORITY OF CITIES IN THE STUDY COORDINATE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Researchers recruited 129 cities of 100,000 people or more for the study. Of those cities...

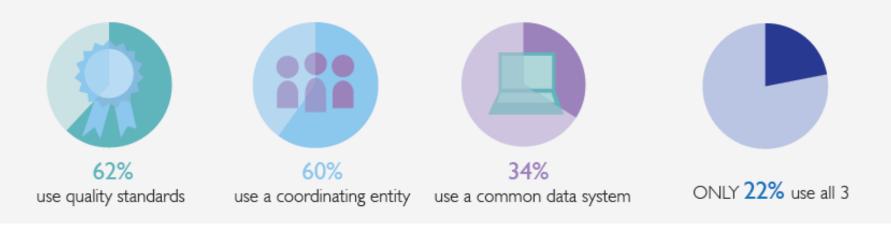


- More than half of cities surveyed are coordinating afterschool - 59-77 percent
- Number of agencies, organizations involved in coordination: median of 20



# 3 key strategies?

FEW CITIES USE ALL 3 KEY COORDINATION STRATEGIES



 Quality standards and coordinating entities twice as prevalent as a common data system



# Does mayoral support matter?

#### FUNDING LEVELS AND USE OF COMMON DATA SYSTEMS ARE LINKED TO MAYORAL SUPPORT



Cities that described their mayors as "highly committed" were far more likely to see stable or increased funding.



The majority of cities with mayors who are "**not at all**" or "**slightly committed**" provided no funding for coordination or decreased funding over the past five years.



of cities with "highly or moderately committed"

mayors used a common data system

#### VS



of cities with "low or no mayoral commitment"

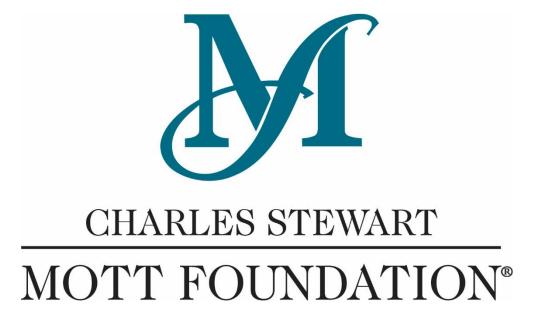




Kari Pardoe

Associate Program Officer

**Charles Stewart Mott Foundation** 



# A Statewide Intermediary Strategy: Background and Context

Began implementing a "statewide afterschool network" strategy in the early 2000's

Overarching goal: increase high quality afterschool and summer learning programs, particularly for low-income families

Focus on system-building at the state level to support quality and policy A Statewide Intermediary Strategy: Overview of Statewide Afterschool Network's Goals

Goal 1: Partnership and Policy Development

Goal 2: Quality

Goal 3: Sustainability

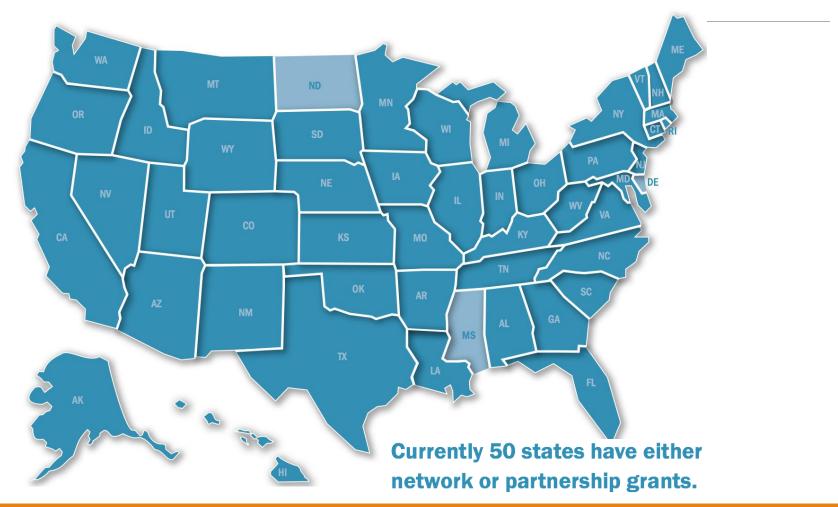
# A Statewide Intermediary Strategy: Examples of Quality Initiatives

Networks serve as professional development educators for many afterschool staff

Examples of activities:

- More than 37 states have developed Afterschool Quality Standards and Tools
- 15 states have credential or certification for after school staff
- 25 networks are measuring the quality of STEM programming
- 38 networks receive support from State Departments of Education
- Host statewide and regional conferences and trainings

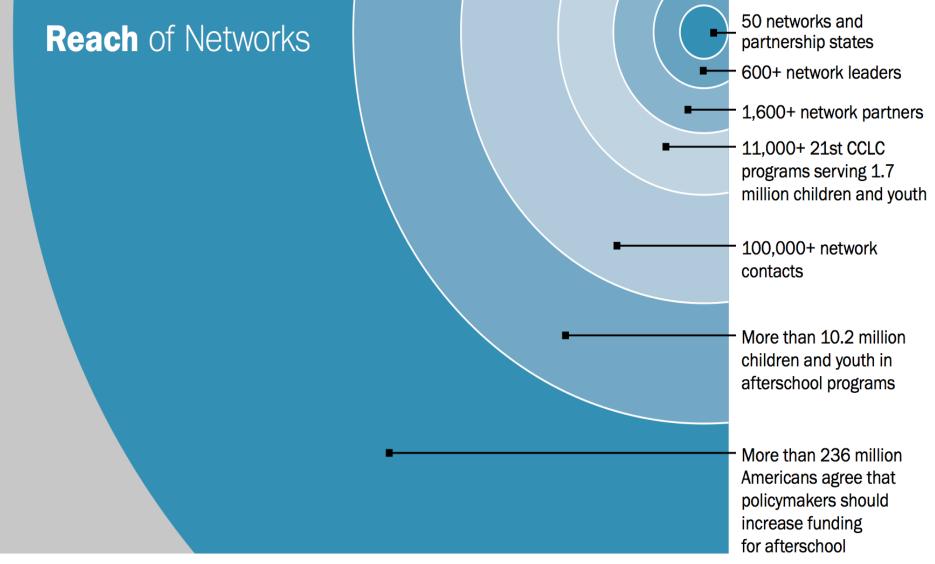
# A Statewide Intermediary Strategy: Network Reach



# A Statewide Intermediary Strategy: Network Structure

- \$75,000 a year
- Matching funds
- Partnerships
- Governing body
- Technical assistance

### A Statewide Intermediary Strategy: Reach of Networks







**Debbie Zipes** 

President

Indiana Afterschool Network



### Launched 2007: part of Mott Statewide Afterschool Networks

**Vision:** Indiana is a place where all K-12 youth have access to high quality learning opportunities beyond the school day that prepare them for success in school, college, careers and life.

### Four Priorities:

- 1. Increase visibility and investment in OST
- 2. Promote and strengthen quality programs and staff
- 3. Increase youth access to OST programs
- 4. Increase linkages between OST and workforce/education

# Building our Quality System

- 1. Indiana Afterschool Standards
- 2. Indiana Afterschool Specialty Standards
- 3. Indiana Academy on Out-of-School Learning
- 4. Youth Development Degree Pathways
- 5. Indiana Summit on Out-of-School Learning
- 6. Mapping Database
- 7. Regional Coalitions / Affiliate Networks

### **Indiana Quality Standards Project**

### for out-of-school time





### **INDIANA ACADEMY** FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL LEARNING

#### **BENEFITS:**

Professional Development anytime, anywhere!

- •36 Best Practice Learning Modules (2 hours each)
- •Aligned with IN Afterschool Standards and
- IN Youth Development Credential (IYD)
- In-depth curriculum content, interactivity and rich visualsUseful resources and real life scenarios
- •Pre- and Post-tests
- •Certificates and User accounts to track progress
- •Customer Service from Indiana Afterschool Network •Technical Assistance from CypherWorx, Inc.

### WAYS TO USE MODULES IN VARIOUS SETTINGS:

Individual settings

- •Staff professional development at any place at any time •Large group settings
- Program Director meetings
- Site Coordinator staff meetings
- Small group settings
- Program Site staff meetings



#### **5 SAMPLE MODULES:**

First Aid

Creating Successful Clubs, Events & Field Trips
Building Relationships with Schools
Providing Homework Support
Exploring Schedules, Planning and Staff Roles

This online PD system was created in partnership with the **National Afterschool Association and Child Care Aware** and offers the latest in **Out-of-School Learning** specifically designed for before school, afterschool, summer and school-age child care programs.

Scholarships are available thanks to a generous donation from:



To sign up and get more info: jjohnson@indianaafterschool.org

# **Degree Pathways for Youth Workers**

### **UNIVERSITIES**

- Ball State University
- Harrison College
- Indiana State University
- Indiana University Bloomington
- IUPUI
- Ivy Tech Community College
- Purdue University

### **DEGREE OPTIONS**

- IN Youth Development Credential (IYD)
- Associate's Degrees
- Bachelor's Degrees
- Master's Degrees
- Youth Physical Wellness







# 2015 Indiana Summit on Out of School Learning

- Partner with IN Dept of Education
- Keynote speakers, 50+ workshops, makers space
- 700 youth workers, educators, community partners
- Special Zoo STEM Workshops & Evening Reception



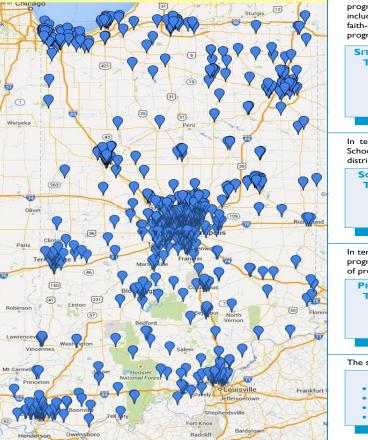


#### **Mapping Indiana's Out of School Time Programs**

Data Summary – April 2014

(Note: IAN remains engaged with Indiana's Afterschool Programs who have not yet registered with IAN to complete the statewide database.)

The map below indicates the locations of programs in the IAN Afterschool database of youth development programming that occurs beyond the school day; including before school, after school, weekends, vacations and summers.



Through April 2014, Indiana's Out of School Time service providers have registered 711 locations across Indiana that provide services to Hoosier kids. Quality programs can be operated from a variety of locations, including: schools, community-based organizations and faith-based facilities. In terms of site location, the program distribution is as follows:

#### SITE LOCATIONS USED BY OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS REGISTERED WITH IAN

- 71% are School-Based
- 21% are Community-Based • 6% are Church-Based
- 3% are **Residential-Based**

In terms of the schedule utilized by Indiana's Out of School Time providers, the program schedule distribution is as follows:

#### SCHEDULES OFFERED BY OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS REGISTERED WITH IAN

- 42% are Before School
- 25% are Afterschool
- 34% are **Both** (Before & Afterschool)

In terms of the duration of Indiana's Out of School Time programs over the course of the year, the distribution of program durations is as follows:

PROGRAM DURATION OF OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS REGISTERED WITH IAN

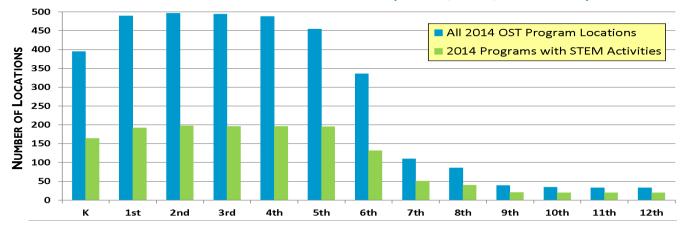
- 64% are School Year duration
- 29% are Full Year duration
- 8% are Summer Only duration

The size distribution of programs is as follows:

#### SIZE OF PROGRAMS

- 27% of locations serve | to 20 Students
- 47% of locations serve 21 to 50 Students
- 19% of locations serve 51 to 100 Students
- 7% of locations serve More than 100 Students

Out of School Time programs in Indiana serve all ages and grades. The number of site locations serving each particular grade level from Kindergarten through High School is as follows:



#### GRADE LEVELS SERVED BY OUT OF SCHOOL TIME LOCATIONS REGISTERED WITH IAN; COMPARISON OF ALL PROGRAMS TO SUBSET OF PROGRAMS OFFERING STEM (SCIENCE, TECH., ENG. & MATH) ACTIVITIES

#### **Programming Offered**

Quality Out of School Time (OST) programs impact the lives of our youth through engagement in a wide variety of areas that are critical to their development. Many programs pursue a holistic approach that includes time for educational activities, character development and quality social interactions. OST program locations that have registered with IAN have identified which of the following activities are included and offered through their program/location:

#### ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS REGISTERED WITH IAN

- 90% offer Tutoring & Homework
- 87% offer **Sports & Recreation**
- 80% offer Health & Wellness
- 79% offer Academic Enrichment
- 77% offer Character Education
- 76% offer Literacy/Reading
- 60% offer Cultural Enrichment & Diversity
- 57% offer Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
- 55% offer Visual & Performing Arts
- 49% offer Family & Parent Activities
- 47% offer Civic Engagement & Community Service
- 42% offer Mentoring
- 29% offer Programming Supporting Special Needs
- 24% offer Career & Job Exploration
- 15% offer College Readiness
- 13% offer Financial Literacy
- 3% offer 'Other' Activities

### (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

According to the Afterschool Alliance: "Nearly 80% of future careers will require some STEM skills. A stimulating STEM education is essential for developing the basic analytical, problem-solving and critical thinking skills central to academic achievement and workforce readiness in the 21st century."

#### YOUTH OUTCOMES FROM INFORMAL STEM ACTIVITIES

- Increased interest and excitement in STEM learning
- Increased STEM skills, understanding, knowledge and competence
- Increased awareness & interest in STEM education & career pathways





# Our Affiliate Network / Regional Coalitions

Bartholomew County

Bloomington

Lafayette

Morgan County

Northside Indy

Terre Haute



# The Powerful Role of our Funders

### KEY PUBLIC/PRIVATE FUNDERS

#### Sustained Funders 2010-Present

- C.S. Mott Foundation
- Indiana Dept of Education
- Lilly Endowment
- Noyce Foundation
- **Special Projects** 
  - Chase Bank
  - **Duke Energy**
  - Harvard University
- IN Governor's Office
- NASA Summer of Innovation
- Summit Sponsors

### HOW FUNDERS POSITION US FOR LONG-TERM SUCCESS

- Sustain funding over time
- > Willing to launch a new idea
- Support our infrastructure not just special projects
- Sustained funding helps us leverage additional funds
- Act as convener, connector to resources & relationships
- Build shared learning community









Chana Edmond-Verley

Senior Program Officer, Community Initiatives & Catalytic Philanthropy

**Douglas and Maria DeVos Foundation** 

### PARTNERING TO BUILD OST SYSTEM QUALITY AND ACHIEVE IMPACT: THE GRAND RAPIDS STORY



### SHIFTING SYSTEMS INFLUENCING CHANGE

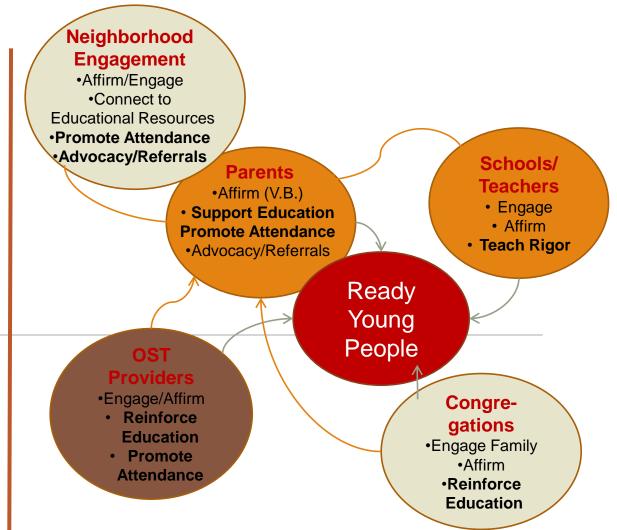
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### FUNDER'S THEORY OF CHANGE: NEXT GENERATION

#### **BIG AUDACIOUS GOAL:**

Ensure young people are ready for school, work, and life





### **CATALYTIC PHILANTHROPY:** A VEHICLE FOR IMPACT INVESTING

### PHILANTHROPY: MORE THAN FUNDING New Options/ New Practices

| take responsibility for results                                 | wage campaign for change   | use all<br>available tools   | create actionable<br>knowledge   |
|---|--|--|--|
| direct involvement<br>build relationships<br>leverage influence | engage voice of customer<br>collaborate across sectors<br>mobilize stakeholders<br>galvanize attention | corporate resources<br>investment capital<br>advocacy and litigation<br>lobbying | data identifying needs<br>data guiding investments<br>data reporting results |

Source: Mark Kramer on Catalytic Philanthropy

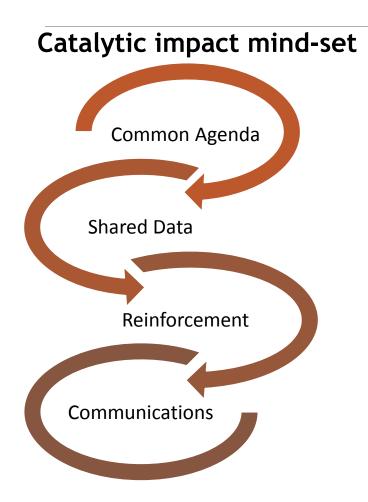
## ELO POSITIONED FOR ATTRACTING INVESTMENTS

- Visible extended learning system
- Active in system building \*
- Partner buy-in for quality improvement\*
- Agreement on shared measures\*
- Professionalization of human capital\*
- Prototyping a data systems framework\*
- Opportunity to support a need socio-emotional
- Focus on provider practice and effectiveness\*

\* Denotes elements of a Quality Improvement System (QIS)



## **QUALITY IN THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY**



Quality through the Frame of Impact

Quality serves as a container for impact

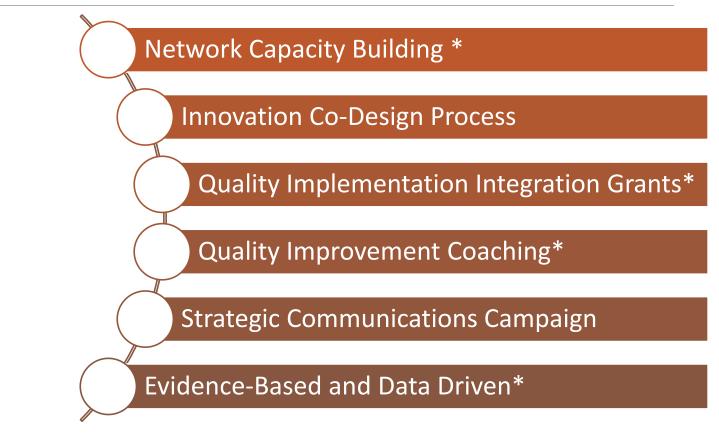
Quality sets forth conditions for alignment

Quality =/ Impact

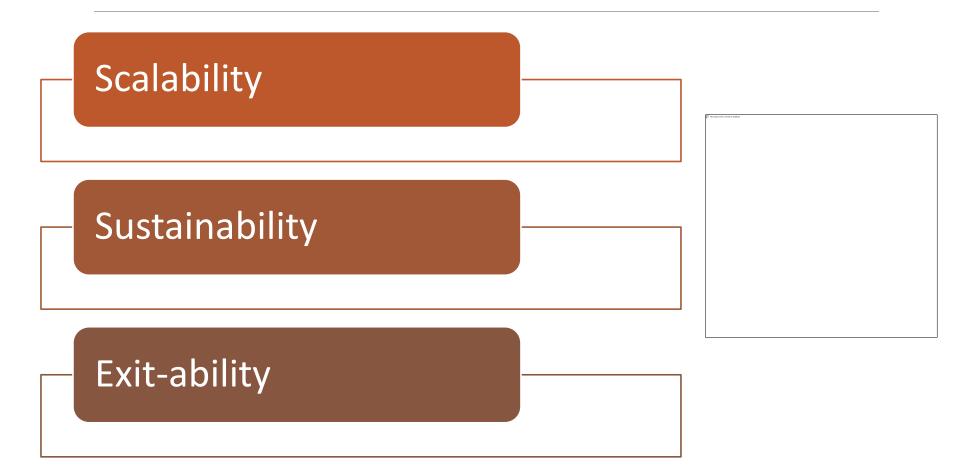
All things quality aren't equal in provoking impact

Using analytics to determine what matters most to quality

## FEATURES OF FOUNDATION'S CATALYTIC STRATEGY



## ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF CATALYTIC STRATEGY







Lynn Heemstra

**Executive Director** 

Our Community's Children





OST system building work is critical for better alignment to improve child outcomes

Creates more efficient and shared grant expectations for non-profits and funders

Helps community make better decisions

## Our Work

### Reliable Data & Analysis

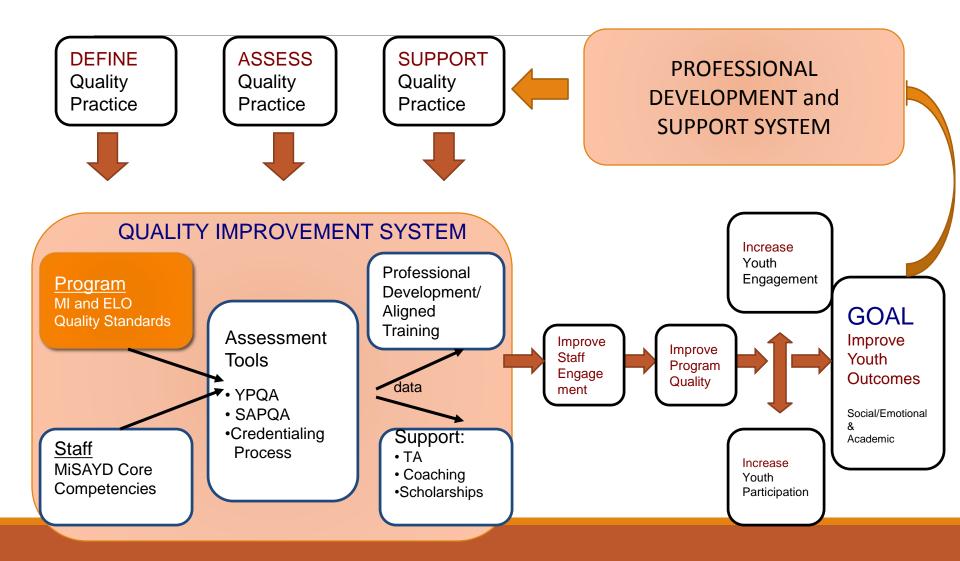
- Program Attendance
- School Attendance
- Socio-Emotional Gains
- Behavioral Gains
- Academic Gains

Quality & Accountability

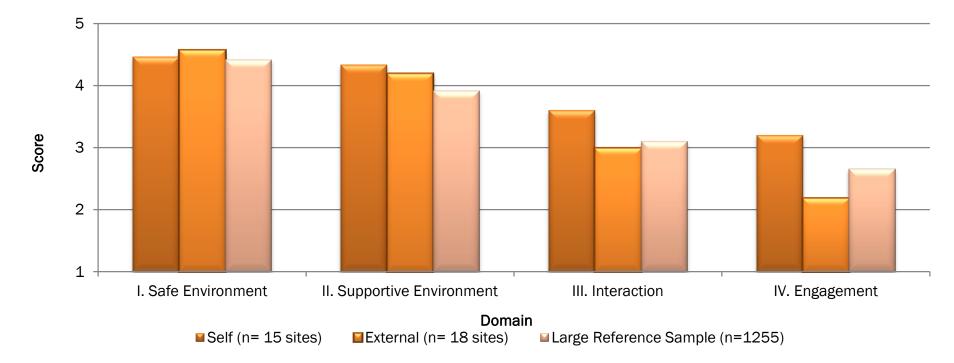
Assess - Plan - Improve

**Public Education** 

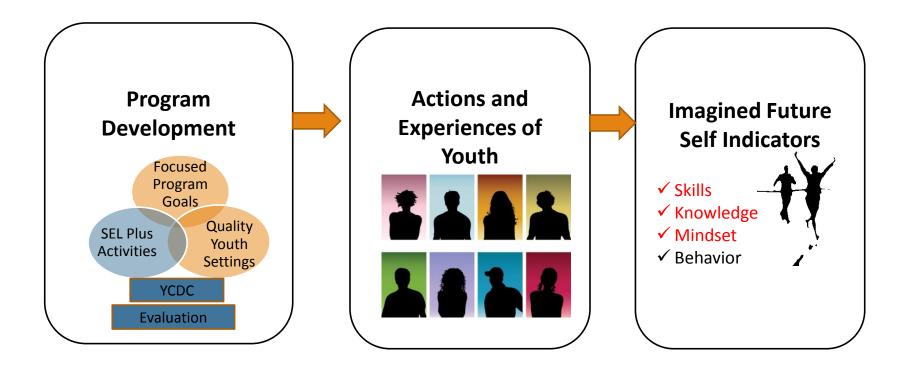
## **ELO Network Quality Improvement System**



### Youth PQA Spring 2013- Spring 2014 Self and External Assessment Scores Compared with a National Sample of Baseline Data



### Framework for "Enhancing Youth Engagement" Initiative



Vision: Children ready for school, work, and life Goal: Seeking Imagined Future Self







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