

Summer Learning Resources Overview:

Tools To Improve Program Quality:

Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality, in partnership with the National Summer Learning Association, developed the Summer Learning Program Quality Assessment (SL-PQA) which is a tool to assess program quality and support continuous program quality improvements. Where providers have used this tool with fidelity to improve program quality, they have demonstrated significant gains in positive youth outcomes. Research tells us that quality matters. The tool and more information on the tool can be found at <http://cypq.org/summerlearningpqi>

A quick reference guide to the key quality components of the SL-PQA, please see SL-PQA Outline pdf.

What Lehigh Valley Parents Want in a Summer Learning Program:

The Lehigh Valley Summer Learning Coalition (LVSLC) conducted a parent survey across elementary schools in Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton in Spring 2017 to better understand what parents know about summer learning loss and what supports they want for their children during the summer months. We received over 1,700 surveys from parents and caregivers. Attached are the key takeaways from this parent research on summer learning (Parent Summer Learning Highlights pdf).

Compelling Research on Key Components of a High Quality Summer Learning Program:

The Wallace Foundation, in partnership with the National Summer Learning Association, has been a leading researcher in the field of summer learning – its impact and the key components of a high quality summer learning program. Please reference pages XVI-XX and pages 71-78 for an overview of required program components to ensuring positive academic gains in low income youth. <http://www.wallacefoundation.org/knowledge-center/Pages/Learning-from-Summer-Effects-of-Voluntary-Summer-Learning-Programs-on-Low-Income-Urban-Youth.aspx>

Useful Resources in Providing Summer Meals (a required element of a United Way funded summer learning program):

For a better understanding of the characteristics of a successful summer feeding program, see https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/sfsp/smt-new_sites.pdf

For information on becoming a Federal Summer Meals Operating site, see: <http://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/Food-Nutrition/Pages/Information-for-Potential-Sites.aspx#tab-1>

If you would like to participate in the federal summer meals program through an existing school district site (Allentown, Bethlehem or Easton), please see the below contact information:

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