

YOUTH LAW CENTER

Quality Parenting Initiative Newsletter

Winter 2018

QPI is wrapping up the end of 2018 with exciting news of innovative strategies and upcoming events!



A QPI ICPC workgroup has been formed to develop strategies and tools to best assist QPI sites in navigating the ICPC. Currently, the workgroup is finishing a training resource to provide an overview of ICPC for caregivers. If you have any suggestive topics for the ICPC workgroup, please contact Jamie Averett on *Slack*.



QPI is diligently working with sites to enhance youth engagement. Terry Harrak and Janay Eustace of the YLC staff are serving as QPI youth engagement coordinators. Terry and Janay both are former foster youth and have devoted their careers to improving the lives of youth impacted by the child welfare system. If you are interested in having either of them provide support to your site, please contact them on *Slack*.



Engaging the judiciary in QPI sites is essential to the overall success and sustainability of QPI. QPI Louisiana has recently developed a presentation to engage and educate the judiciary about QPI, with a focus on how judges can best support QPI in their court rooms and in their child welfare community.



The Youth Law Center's 6th National QPI Conference planning is underway! The conference will be hosted in Philadelphia, PA April 29th—May 1st, 2019. The conference theme is *Building a Relationship Based System: Techniques for Transformation*. Online registration will be available in January 2019. More information soon to come!



Are you a *Slacker*? QPI launched a communication platform earlier this year to allow our QPI partners to engage with one another more directly, and to share ideas with one another. Multiple channels have been developed for specific topics and workgroups. Be looking for a new “#Rural” channel soon to connect QPI partners who serve rural communities. If you are not yet on *Slack* and would like to be, or if you have a suggestion for a new *Slack* channel contact Celina Granato on *Slack* (email cgranato@qpiylc.org)



If your QPI site is doing something newsworthy or if you have suggestions to share for our next newsletter, we would love to hear from you! Contact Jamie Averett on *Slack*.



On behalf of the children and families we serve, thank you to all of the QPI sites for your tireless work, innovative spirit, and commitment to change. From our staff to yours, Happy Holidays!