## A Quick Guide to The SEL Program Quality Assessment (SEL PQA)

### What is the SEL PQA

The SEL PQA is a framework with researchedidentified best practices that support environments to be safe, supportive, interactive, and engaging with a focus on practices that support social and emotional learning.

#### Assessments

Self Assessment (or Internal Assessment) happens within your staff team either through reflection conversations or observation of each other and reflection on the scores.

**External Assessments** happens with someone outside of your organization who is a trained reliable rater, observes your program and provides you back the data for your team to use in reflection.

#### Uses

The SEL PQA can be used both as a planning tool, and as a measurement towards those best practices through self assessment or external assessment.

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The SEL PQA is part of a larger cycle of improvement. It may be referred to as Continuous Program Improvement or Continuous Quality Improvement. Either way, it involves Assessing, Planning, and Improvement.

#### Low Stakes!

The SEL PQA is focused on reflection and improvement, and not for saying whether a program is "good" or "bad".

Supporting Plans & Goals Supporting Youth Interests Furthering Learning	ENGAGING ENVIRONMENT
Cultivating Empathy Promoting Responsibility & Leade Fostering Teamwork	rship INTERACTIVE ENVIRONMENT 4 Domains 10 Scales
Fostering Growth Mindset Scaffolding Learning Emotion Coaching	SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT
Creating Safe Spaces	SAFE SPACE

Fore more information, or a copy of the SEL PQA, go to www.forumfyi.org/weikartcenter/assessments/

# **Reflection Worksheet**

	<ul> <li>What is a scale in the SEL PQA that you feel confident in and include in your program already? What does it look like? Sound like?</li> </ul>
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	<ul> <li>Check out a copy of the SEL PQA. When you look at the descriptions of the items, where does your practice currently fall?</li> </ul>
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==1 ==1	<ul> <li>Who from your team can you talk with about what these aspects look like in their work or can share with you how they use the SEL PQA as a framework or assessment?</li> </ul>
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	• When will you follow up with that person? Quality Youth Work Starts HERE!
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