

# The Youth Program Quality Assessment (YPQA)

## What is the YPQA

The YPQA is a framework with researched-identified best practices that support environments to be safe, supportive, interactive, and engaging.

## 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

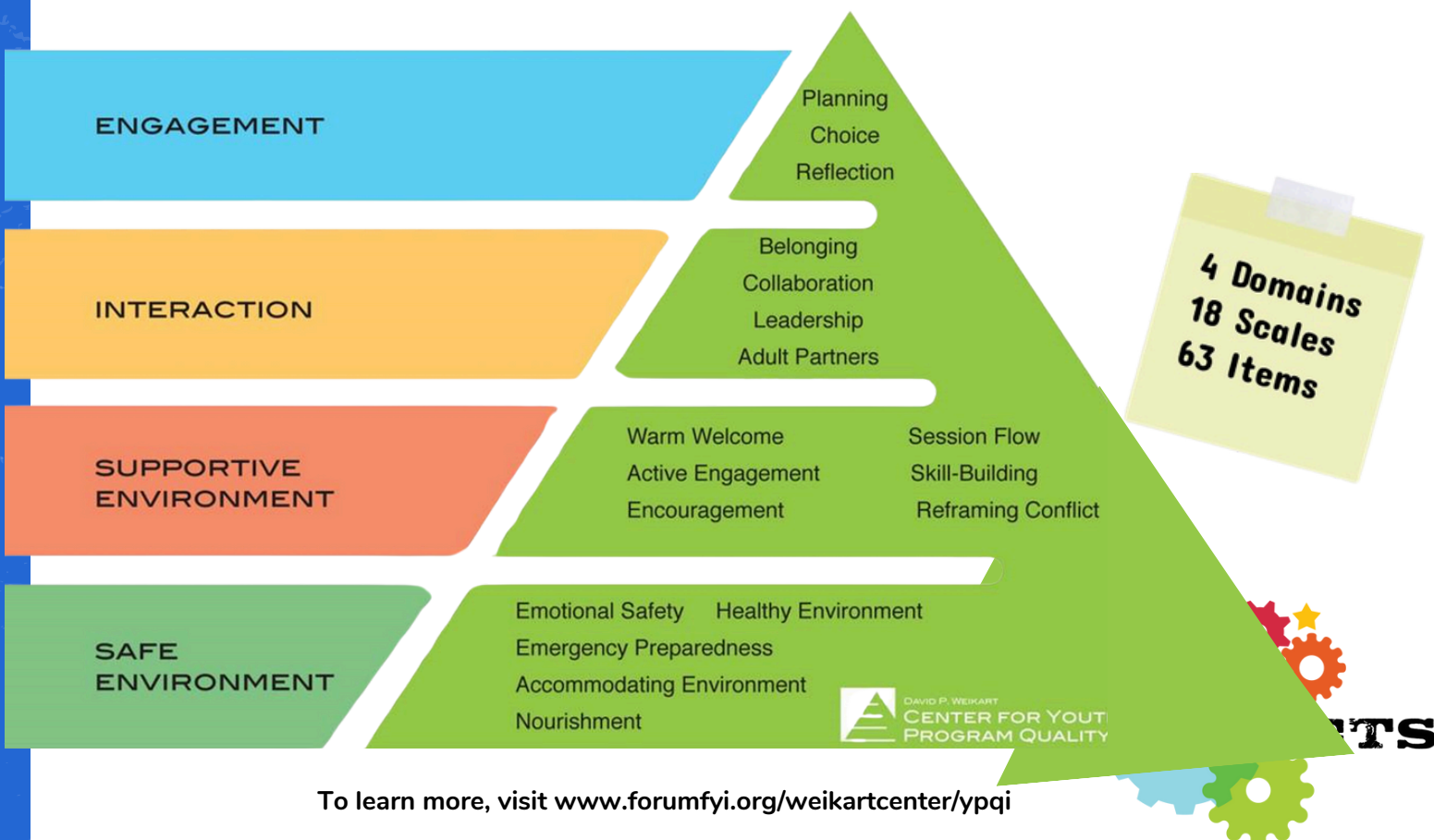
The YPQA can be used both as a planning tool, and as a measurement towards those best practices through self assessment or external assessment.

## YPQI/ CPI/ CQI

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



# Reflection Worksheet

- What is a scale in the YPQA that you feel confident in and include in your program already? What does it look like? Sound like?
- Check out a copy of the YPQA. When you look at the descriptions of the items, where does your practice currently fall?
- What is a scale you are interested in exploring?
- 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 YPQA as a framework or assessment?
- When will you follow up with that person?

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