



Student Leadership Summit Teaches How to Lead with Kindness

Event is Friday, Aug. 18 in LOB, Hartford

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HARTFORD -- The Commission on Women, Children and Seniors is joining with Facebook InspirED, the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL), and Stand Up and Speak Out to present a one-day student leadership summit at the Capitol.

On Friday, Aug. 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., high-school youth leaders and engaged adults will participate in a day of workshops focusing on social and emotional skill-building, school climate improvement and leading with kindness. There will also be a special performance from [Stand Up and Speak Out](#).

"It is critical that our youth see themselves as participants in the civic fabric of their academic life. As adults, we can model the importance of compassionate leadership through connection and empathy. In this way, we will make great strides toward reducing bullying and improving school climate, all while enhancing academic outcomes," said Steven Hernández, executive director of the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors, which is a public policy arm of the Connecticut State Legislature. "Partnering with youth, we can promote a culture that encourages collaboration, creativity, productivity and success."

"Stand Up and Speak Out is excited and honored to be part of this amazing summit (at the Capitol) with The Commission on Women, Children and Seniors, Facebook InspirED, the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, and the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning," said Jill Nesi of Stand Up, Speak Out.

School districts that have signed up to participate in the event include: Bridgeport, Clinton, Danbury, East Hartford, Guilford, Hartford, Madison, Meriden, Middletown, North Haven, Old Saybrook, Region 7, Southington, Wallingford, Westbrook and Winsted.

Learn more at: <https://ctcwcs.com/leading-with-kindness/>

RSVP is required for this event. To RSVP or to ask a question, please contact Nicholas.Teeling@cga.ct.gov.