

## BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO WORK, BACK TO MENTORING!!

As summer winds down and a new school year fast approaches, mentoring program coordinators are gearing up to serve our state's estimated 14,000 mentees. Connecticut Mentoring Partnership's staff is gearing up, too. This fall we'll be making efforts to connect with every known program in Connecticut. Haven't spoken to us in a while? Give us a call and let us know how you're doing and what you need. Attend October's regional conference to gather best mentoring practices from across New England; take advantage of a few of our new training offerings—these can help you address cultural competence, build prevention topics into mentoring, seek funding, launch community collaborations, and implement the revised Elements of Effective Practice. We'll be using Webinar formats for many of our trainings in order to accommodate your busy schedules. Remember, we are always here to provide guidance and ideas on all facets of running your program—everything from designing data collection forms and program evaluation, to mentor recruitment and mentor support. With new tips and tools in the works, we hope to serve you better than ever. Here's to continued success in the coming year!

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Director of Program Planning & Development

As school and community-based mentoring programs prepare for starting up in the fall, the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership recommends three **Tips for Mentoring**, taken from **Dr. Susan Weinberger's new book, *Preparing My Mentor For Me***, and from earlier **My Mentor and Me** guides. Click on the links below for helpful tips and information on the following areas:

1. [Setting Goals](#)
2. [What will We Do Each Week?](#)
3. [How Do I Know If I AM Making Progress With My Mentee?](#)

## BACK TO SCHOOL BOOK SALE!

Jump start your mentoring program this fall with **Dr. Susan Weinberger's My Mentor and Me** guides for mentoring elementary, middle, and high school students **AND** **Preparing My Mentor for Me**, the newest addition to our mentoring tools and tips collection!



### To kick off the new school year!

The Governor's Prevention Partnership and the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership offer a special, limited-time opportunity to receive Dr. Susan G. Weinberger's **My Mentor and Me** series for elementary, middle, and high school students **PLUS** the latest addition,

**Preparing my Mentor for Me.**

**All four mentoring guides for \$19.95**

plus shipping and handling

This offer is good only for orders received by **September 30, 2009.**



## SAVE-THE-DATE

### Upcoming Trainings

**September 25, 2009**  
[Cultural Competence Training](#)

**October 15 & 16, 2009**  
[Northeast Regional Conference](#)

**October 22, 2009**  
[Webinar: Funding and Grant Seeking](#)

**November 5 & 6, 2009**  
[How to Build a Successful Mentoring Program](#)

**Regional Round Table Meetings**  
**10:00 – 11:30AM**

**November 17, 2009**  
**New Britain Webster Bank**

**November 17, 2009**  
**New London Board of Education**

**November 18, 2009**  
**Meriden Board of Education**

**November 18, 2009**  
**Bridgeport United Way**  
**2:00 PM**

## COMING SOON!

Please join us for the first-ever [Northeast Regional Mentoring Conference: United Hands for Mentoring](#), Thursday, October 15 (reception), and Friday, October 16 (conference), in Providence, Rhode Island.

### Workshop Tracks — Friday, October 16, 2009

#### Best Practices

- Mentor Retention
- Evaluating Your Program
- College Community Mentoring

#### Skills Development

- Cultural Diversity
- Mentoring Children of Prisoners
- Bridges Out of Poverty

#### Sustainability

- Mentor Training: Beyond the Basics
- Marketing & Media
- Fundraising Strategies

#### Outreach

- Role of Business
- Advocacy
- Wi-Mentor & Technology

#### Basics in Programming

- Elements of Effective Practice
- Screening Mentors
- Preparing Mentees for Mentoring

### Northeast Mentoring Partnerships Panel Discussion

#### **PREMIERE EVENT SPONSOR: Webster Bank**

#### **CONFERENCE PARTNERS INCLUDE MENTORING PARTNERSHIPS FROM:**

Long Island, Maine, Massachusetts, NYC, Rhode Island and Vermont, along with The Governor's Prevention Partnership of Connecticut, Mentor Consulting Group, and MENTOR.

Please see the attachments for more information or visit <http://www.mentorri.org/NERC.htm>

## NEWS!

### Connecticut Mentoring Partnership Program Manager Named

We are happy to welcome **Roland Harmon** as Program Manager for the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership. Roland's extensive background in program management, evaluation and social services – as well as his commitment to youth and the value of mentoring – will be an asset to The Partnership and to your programs. Roland is a welcome addition to the CMP family. Roland joins us on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and, along with our mentoring team, Veronica DeLandro, Cheryl Yetke and Josie Murray, will be here to support you and your mentor programs.

### FREE "PREVENTION NEWS" Daily Email

*Prevention News at Your Fingertips* was initiated in 2006 in order to keep The Governor's Prevention Partnership staff current on state and national mission-related issues and trends. We have since expanded distribution of *Prevention News*, a vehicle to alert those we serve, to include prevention specialists, healthcare providers, parents, youth workers and many others in order to provide the latest news and trends related to underage drinking, illicit and prescription drug abuse, bullying and mentoring.

A daily synopsis of news coverage and reports addressing these issues, with links to the full stories, is emailed each weekday to all requesting to be on the *Prevention News* distribution list. If you would like to become a member of our mailing list and receive *Prevention News*, please sign up on our website, [www.preventionworksct.org/newsletter.html](http://www.preventionworksct.org/newsletter.html)!

December 1, 2009  
[Maximizing Awareness of your Program through the Media](#)

December 10, 2009  
[Trainer of Trainers](#)

January 2010  
[Annual Mentoring Corporate Honor Roll](#)

January 15 &  
February 18, 2010  
[Quality Standards Workshop I & 2](#)

February 24, 2010  
[Program Evaluation Webinar](#)

March 11 & 12, 2010  
[How to Build a Successful Mentoring Program](#)

April 9, 2010  
[Trainer of Trainers](#)

May 12, 2010  
[Community Collaboration Webinar](#)

May 2010  
[Regional Round Table Meetings](#)  
10:00 – 11:30am  
Waterbury (TBD)  
New Haven (TBD)

## CORPORATE PARTNERS STRENGTHEN MENTORING



### **THE GOVERNOR'S PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP AND LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION JOIN FORCES TO STRENGTHEN NEW LONDON MENTORING PROGRAMS**

Pictured above accepting the Foundation's \$2,500 grant are (l to r), **Veronica DeLandro**, Senior Program Coordinator, Connecticut Mentoring Partnership (CMP)/The Governor's Prevention Partnership; **Leslie McKillip**, Assistant Vice President Commercial Lending, Liberty Bank; **Jill Spinetti**, President and CEO, The Governor's Prevention Partnership; **Clarence Bowen**, Manager of New London Branch, Liberty Bank; and **Cheryl Yetke**, Senior Program Coordinator, CMP/The Governor's Prevention Partnership.

### **SAVE-THE-DATE!**

#### **The Mentoring Institute of Coastal Fairfield County Press Conference & LAUNCH!**

**Monday, September 14, 9:00 AM** at St. Vincent's Medical Center, Bridgeport  
United Way of Coastal Fairfield County and The Governor's Prevention Partnership will host a Press Conference to launch the new Mentoring Institute, an expansion of the Bridgeport Alliance for Mentoring. This coalition of mentoring programs will build the capacity of school and community-based mentoring in the Coastal Fairfield County region and enhance programs' efforts in mentor recruitment, screening, matching and training efforts, thus increasing the number of youth matched with well-prepared mentors.

For more information please contact Soraya Bilbao, Community Impact Implementation Manager, at 203-339-6350 or via [email](#).

### **FUND AND GRANT SEEKING for Creative Mentoring Coordinators**

#### **Free Webinar – Thursday, October 22, 10:00 – 11:00 AM**

This workshop will help coordinators:

- Learn funding strategies to ensure sustainability for your mentoring program.
- Identify diverse funding opportunities, including matching gifts, community, corporate and family foundations, individual donors, gifts, government and corporate grants.
- Develop a plan to engage targeted key stakeholders in the community, including local and state government, businesses, private and corporate foundations, schools and parents.

To register for the webinar, please call Josie, 860.523.8042ext. 55.

### **Mentor Training Fee**

Effective **September 1, 2009**, the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership (CMP) will introduce a fee for providing mentor trainings to school- and community-based mentoring programs.

**However**, new mentoring programs that have attended training prerequisites—the two-day “Design & Build” training, plus the one-day “Training of Trainers”—may request one free, two-hour mentor training by CMP staff to assist in launching their program. Availability of training is subject to staff availability; programs are encouraged to book early.

For other mentoring programs (either programs whose representatives have not attended the prerequisite trainings\* or programs that have already received one free mentor training), mentor training fees will be **\$50/hour**. A minimum of two hours of training time must be booked.

**Example:** A Bridgeport mentoring program that requests CMP to facilitate a 2-hour mentor training will cost \$100 (training).

**At the touch of a  
button!**



**Online searchable  
database** of Connecticut mentoring programs that meet quality standards

**Is your program  
registered?** Contact **Cheryl Yetke** or **Veronica DeLandro**

## **MENTORING PUBLICATIONS**

**My Mentor & Me**  
(Elementary, Middle  
& High School)

**Preparing My Mentor  
For Me**

## **COMING SOON**

**Business Guide to  
Mentoring**

*Starting a  
Mentoring Program tool kit*  
The Governor's Prevention Partnership provides “state of the art” information.

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\*Mentoring programs that have not attended prerequisite trainings will be encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Visit [www.preventionworksct.org](http://www.preventionworksct.org) for a training calendar.

We look forward to supporting high-quality mentor preparation with programs in all stages of development. We are also committed to helping mentoring programs increase their capacity to conduct mentor trainings independently. In addition, in 2010 we plan to offer several new “tools” programs can use to support mentors’ ongoing professional development. Please do not hesitate to contact the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership with questions about mentor training or other effective practices for mentoring programs.

Please call [Cheryl Yetke](#) or [Veronica DeLandro](#) for more information.

## **OF SPECIAL INTEREST**

### **Fall Mentoring Regional Networks**

The Connecticut Mentoring Partnership Regional Networks bring together program providers in various regions of the state to identify and discuss common issues, exchange views, support one another and promote common interests in mentoring throughout Connecticut.

Contact [Cheryl Yetke](#) or [Veronica DeLandro](#) at 860.523.8042, to register for the next regional roundtable.

#### **\*Roundtable for Hartford area programs**

Tuesday, November 17, 2009; 10:00am-11:30am, Webster Bank Oak Room, 436 Slater Road, New Britain, CT

#### **\* \*Roundtable for New London/Groton/Windham area programs**

November 17, 2009 10:00am-11:30am, New London Board of Education Central Office, New London, CT

#### **\*Roundtable for Middlesex/New Haven area programs**

Wednesday, November 18, 2009; 10:00am-11:30am, Israel Putnam School, 133 Parker Avenue, Meriden, CT

#### **\*Roundtable for Bridgeport/Fairfield area programs**

Wednesday, November 18, 2009; 2:00 pm, United Way Fairfield County, 75 Washington Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

We are eager to hear from you and learn more about your program, your successes and challenges, and to discuss how we can assist you. Please call us at 860.523.8042 and ask for Cheryl Yetke or Veronica DeLandro.

### **New Advanced Training Workshops Offered**

**Cultural Competency –** Friday, September 25, 2009, 8:30AM – 3:30PM  
**Fund and Grant Seeking Webinar –** Thursday, October 22, 2009, 10:00 – 11:00AM  
**Quality Standards 2 day Workshop –** Friday, January 15, 2010  
Thursday, February 18, 2010, 8:30AM – 3:30PM

- Quality Standards #1 (Mentor screening, orientation and matching)
- Quality Standards #2 (Mentor support, retention and recognition)

## **JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH!!**

**Mentoring Corporate Honor Roll Celebration - *date to be announced***

### **Thank Your Mentor Day**

**January 21, 2010** is *Thank Your Mentor Day*, and the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership is looking for stories to share with the media for “National Mentor Month.”

Please contact [Cheryl Yetke](#) at or [Veronica DeLandro](#) or call 860-523-8042.

## **The Governor’s Prevention Partnership**

30 Arbor Street, South  
Hartford CT 06106  
860.523.8042

## **WEB RESOURCES**

[The National Mentoring  
Partnership](#)

[The Connecticut  
Clearinghouse](#)

## **GREAT INFORMATION**

[http://www.mentoring.org/downloads/mentoring\\_1216.pdf](http://www.mentoring.org/downloads/mentoring_1216.pdf)

The Wisdom of Age: A Guide for Staff (Mentor 7/14/09) Andrea Taylor

<http://www.edmentoring.org/pubs/factsheet29.pdf> - Enriching the Mentoring Experience Through Ongoing Mentee Training – MRC Mentoring Resource Center

### **The 20th Anniversary Governor’s Luncheon**

Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM at Central Connecticut State University.

This annual recognition of our corporate “Leaders in Partnership for Kids” spotlights our corporate funders and business partners. Hosted by Governor M. Jodi Rell, the program will include keynote as well as program-related speakers. The William O’Neill Legacy Award will be presented by Nikki O’Neill and Partners in Prevention Awards will be presented in categories of Leadership, Innovation and Media. For sponsorship information or to recommend award recipients, please contact [Mickey Mattei](#) or call 860.523.8042# 22.

Since 1989 the impact of our public-private partnerships has been substantial, resulting in strong prevention initiatives, including mentoring, reaching hundreds of thousands of young people.

**In partnership, and with a focus on Connecticut’s youth, The Governor’s Prevention Partnership builds a strong, healthy future workforce through leadership in mentoring and prevention of violence, underage drinking, alcohol and drug abuse.**