

MENTORING NEWS & NOTES

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Fall/Winter 2008

Putting Best Practices Into Action - Fostering Positive Youth Development in CT

(seats going fast) The statewide Conference will showcase state of the art information on mentoring, coalition-building, school-based services and other initiatives that support young people on their path to the future workforce.

LEADING EDGE INFORMATION on

- Developing Tomorrow's Professionals
- Construction and Engineering - ACE Mentor Program
- How Cessation Groups Improve School Climate
- Engaging Urban Youth in Neighborhood Action: Youth as Community Leaders
- Reaching More Mentors and Mentees Through Technology
- The Evolution of Prevention and Youth Development: A Case Study
- Creating SMART Leaders: A Comprehensive Approach to Positive Youth Development
- Career Directions for Students in Architecture

Keynote address by **DR. JEAN RHODES**, author of *Stand by Me: The Risks and Rewards of Youth Mentoring* and editor of *Mobilizing Adults for Positive Youth Development*

PRESENTERS represent programs, agencies and organizations that foster sustained, positive adult-youth relationships, youth life-skill building activities, youth participation and leadership

WORKSHOPS, PANEL DISCUSSION, REGIONAL ROUNDTABLES & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES!

For more information and to register contact:

Shannon Newell, 860.523.8042 ext. 25

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MentorPRO Please join the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership for a first time introductory Webinar training session on **MentorPRO**. **MentorPRO** is an online data tracking and analysis system designed to help mentoring programs track and access data to better manage their Programs, manage mentoring Relationships and evaluate Outcomes.

The training will be a "virtual meeting," using GoToMeeting so that you can see MentorPRO in action. Once you RSVP you will receive information on how to dial into the conference call. When you dial in, you will be able to follow along from your own computer as we walk through a secure website system.

DATE: Tuesday, November 11, 2008

TIME: 3:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

MentorPRO can help your program:

- Organize and store information about your mentors, mentees and matches
- Track applications, training and screening processes, improving support for mentor-mentee relationships
- Track details of ongoing activities and program contact with matches
- Create personalized reminders, prompting you to follow up with pending tasks
- Track and assess specific academic, behavioral and psychological social outcomes for mentees
- Determine outcomes by analyzing data on program practices and mentoring relationships

To learn more about MentorPRO or to participate in the Webinar, please RSVP to [Veronica DeLandro](mailto:Veronica.DeLandro@preventionworksct.org) or call 860-523-8042 ext. 24



SAVE-THE-DATE

Upcoming Trainings

November 18, 2008

Putting Best Practices Into Action

December 4, 2008

Maximizing Awareness of your Program through the Media

December 11 & 12, 2008

How to Build a Successful Mentoring Program

January 9, 2009

Mentor Training of Trainers (TOT)

February 2, 2009

Mentor Recruitment

March 5 & 6, 2009

How to Build a Successful Mentoring Program

April 10, 2009

Peer to Peer Training (TBD)

Regional Round Table Meetings

May 2009

**Hartford Area
The Governor's
Prevention Partnership**

**Stamford Area
Stamford**

JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH!

“Expand Your Universe, Mentor a Child”

The Connecticut Mentoring Partnership, an initiative of The Governor’s Prevention Partnership, is teaming up during [January, National Mentoring Month](#) with Connecticut radio and TV outlets and others to support this mentor recruitment campaign and to involve more businesses in school-based mentoring. National Mentoring Month is spearheaded by the Harvard Mentoring Project of the Harvard School of Public Health, MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

What type of celebrations/recognitions are you planning for National Mentor Month? Don’t forget to keep the CMP updated; we will be happy to promote your events on our webpage. Please send pictures ☺

Celebration Ideas:

- Host a Thank You coffee/tea recognition in the morning
- Host a Thank You dessert after work
- Have your mentees create a banner for all mentors and visitors to see when they enter the school
- Write, or better yet have the mentee send, a “Thank You” card to their mentor

For additional ideas of recognition please go to [Mentor: Expanding the world of quality mentoring. - Recognition and Retention](#)

CCSU Blue Devils Team Up for Mentoring

Central Connecticut State University is providing free admission to mentors and mentees at its women’s basketball game on Saturday, January 10, 2009. All mentors/mentees, mentoring programs and local officials are encouraged to join in the festivities. The first 100 to attend will receive a prize!! Game starts at 2p.m. Don’t miss the FUN! Tickets are available now through the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership. Please call [Cheryl Yetke](#) or [Veronica DeLandro](#) at 860.523.8042 to request tickets.

Thank Your Mentor Day

SAVE-THE-DATE, January 22nd is *Thank Your Mentor Day* and the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership is asking those whose lives have been touched by a caring adult to show their appreciation to that special person by e-mailing mentorct@preventionworksct.org. Your message or story will be posted on our website. For “Thank You” postcards and bookmarks that your mentees can present to their mentors, contact [Cheryl Yetke](#) or [Veronica DeLandro](#) at 860-523-8042.

7th Annual Corporate Honor Roll Breakfast Event

The Governor's Prevention Partnership will conclude National Mentoring Month with our **7th Annual Mentoring Corporate Honor Roll Breakfast** honoring businesses for their commitment and support to youth mentoring in Connecticut. More than 100 businesses who have participated in mentoring over the last year will be honored. A special thank you to the mentoring coordinators for nominating businesses. For more information call 860.523.8042 or visit our [website](#).

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Spring 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. If you are interested in hosting a meeting please contact Cheryl Yetke at 860.523.8042, ext. 23. Meetings are free, but we do ask you to register for the next regional roundtable.

Hartford/New Haven/New London Regional Roundtable Meeting

May 2009

The Governor’s Prevention Partnership

30 Arbor Street

Hartford, CT

860-523-8042

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](#)

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WEB RESOURCES

[The National Mentoring Partnership](#)

[The Connecticut Clearinghouse](#)

Stamford/Norwalk/Bridgeport/Fairfield Regional Roundtable Meeting
May 2009

Youth Services Mentoring Program
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Stamford, CT
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