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GOVERNOR LAMONT PROCLAIMS JANUARY AS “CONNECTICUT MENTORING MONTH”

RECOGNIZES VALUE OF MENTORING AND HELPING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Wethersfield, CT (January 6, 2020) -

Governor Ned Lamont has declared January “Connecticut Mentoring Month,” noting that young people with mentors are more likely to enroll in college, avoid substance abuse, and volunteer in their communities.

“Connecticut Mentoring Month is an opportunity to raise public awareness of the importance of mentoring,” Governor Lamont said. “The Governor’s Prevention Partnership provides the leadership, resources, training and state-wide coordination for community, school and faith-based mentoring programs throughout the state.”

Partnership President and CEO Jill Spinetti has been a driving force for mentoring in Connecticut since first joining the organization in 1998.

“One of my proudest achievements during my 21 years with the Partnership is helping to launch The Connecticut Mentoring Partnership,” Jill said. “The CMP, which is an affiliate of MENTOR: National Mentoring Partnership, helps create more mentoring opportunities for young people in our state. It currently serves more than 150 mentoring programs and 10,000 people annually.”

This year, the Partnership is recruiting more men of color to mentor young people. As many as one in three Connecticut children could benefit from mentoring, particularly in underserved urban communities.

“Right now, we need more men of color stepping up to become mentors,” Aristede Hill, Mentoring Program Manager said. “I remember how tough it was being a teenager, and I would have truly benefited from someone in my community mentoring me. It’s those memories that inspire the work that I do now with the Partnership.”

Jill Spinetti and Aristede Hill will be available for media interviews during the month of January. Please reach out to Andrew Kufta, Director of Communications, for scheduling opportunities. Andrew’s contact information is provided at the top of this release.

If you would like to become a mentor to a young person, [follow this link](#).

For more information on “National Mentoring Month,” [click here](#) to download the toolkit provided by MENTOR, the National Mentoring Partnership.

The Governor’s Prevention Partnership is a statewide nonprofit organization that equips, empowers, and connects organizations, communities, and families, to prevent substance abuse, underage drinking, and violence among youth, and promotes positive outcomes for all young people in Connecticut. Created in 1989, the Partnership is a partnership between government and business leaders. Learn more at <http://www.PreventionWorksCT.org>.