**Community Coalition For Children**

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**News Release: Community Coalition for Children Focuses**

 **On Healthy Relationships**

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The Community Coalition for Children…helping children thrive® will present an intergenerational conference on “Healthy Relationships” at Mitchell College in New London on Thursday, Nov. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public, but registration should be made by October 21 if at all possible to ensure choices of workshops.

The program kickoff will feature the Looking In Theatre, a group of teenagers from the greater Hartford area who present dramatic scenes dealing with important social issues that affect adolescents. The troupe’s scenarios about healthy relationships will be followed by audience questions to the characters portrayed.

Participants may choose four topics for the two workshop sessions. Because the groups will be small, some choices will close quickly. For a complete list of the workshops with short descriptions, go to the CCC website: [www.communitycoalitionforchildren.org](http://www.communitycoalitionforchildren.org)

To register, contact Jennifer Clement: Jennifer.Clement@ct.gov

Intergenerational workshop choices include:

I AM Therefore I Deserve…

Keeping the Conversation Going with Safe Talk on Suicide Prevention

 and Awareness

What is this Mindfulness I keep hearing about and how might it help me?

Man Up

Who am I?

Be Your Own Neuroscientist

Dating Violence Workshop

Gender 101

Don’t DIS my ABILITY: I am who I am!

Keep Calm and Save a Life: Help is One Call Away

Dealing With Friendships and Peer Pressure

What is Restorative Justice?

Taking the Byte Out of Cyber-bullying

Looking In Theater Workshop

Two adult sessions are:

Healthy Parenting Techniques for Building a Strong Relationship with

 your Child

Substance Use and Youth: A Sobering Look

Child & Family Agency Connecticut College

Garde Arts Center

Grasso-Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School

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In order to stimulate ongoing action following the conference, the CCC has taken its 20th anniversary as an opportunity to establish a new initiative, the Catalyst Challenge Award. Intergenerational participants will be challenged to take what they have learned back to their own community or school, enabling students, parents, and child-centered professionals to bring about positive change in their community. The challenge requires participants to develop and implement practical strategies throughout the year to carry the conference message to their communities. In the spring of 2017, award winners will be announced and recognized at the Catalyst Award Ceremony attended by nominees, conference participants, and community members.

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