

Dear CYSA Members:

It has been a great two years to serve as President of the Connecticut Youth Services Association. It was truly an honor to help lead CYSA through one of the most exciting chapters in our forty year history. The ground was broken years ago for many of the projects that we are working on today. Without the efforts of so many past board and committee volunteers, CYSA would not have reached the point where we are right now or garner the recognition we are receiving from current and emerging program and funding partners including State government agencies and the private philanthropic community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the incredibly dedicated men and women who have served on the Board of Directors the past two years, along with a group of CYSA community members who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes on committees.

Of all those who deserve a note of appreciation there is no group of greater importance or more deserving of thanks than that of our member agencies. You are the people working in the trenches every day from the most rural communities in the State to the largest cities and towns. It is through your outstanding work in each of our communities statewide that CYSA is gaining ever more credibility with our government and philanthropic partners and that we as an Association can proactively support through advocacy and training the mission and work of our nearly 100 member agencies.

During the past two years, the CYSA Board of Directors has had the privilege of working with some of Connecticut's most forward thinking state leaders from the Executive and Administrative Branches of government. We thank all of our state partners who are here today. And finally a very special thanks to Dr. Agnes Quinones from the State Department of Education and Barry Goff, a principal partner from Charter Oak Group for the expertise and support that they continue to lend to our community of YSBs. I also want to pay special tribute to our friend and colleague Jay Aronson, who brings to work every day the highest standards of professionalism and enthusiasm as CYSA's Lobbyist. And to our new staff consultant, Sarah Bourdon, who I know is going to bring a wealth of experience and expertise to CYSA, thank you for leading organizational planning, research, marketing and fund development efforts. Together we can keep CYSA on track and moving forward.

Congratulations CYSA on this 40th Anniversary!

Joel Rosenberg

President, Connecticut Youth Services Association
Executive Director, AHM Youth and Family Services

PUBLICATIONS

CYSA has written and published a number of position papers. To read the reports log on to www.ctyouthservices.org.

An Examination of Youth Service Bureaus and The Juvenile Review Boards: This paper, presented in early 2012 reviews the genesis of Youth Service Bureaus and their relationship with JRBs.

Information garnered from 81 CYSA members including CYSA member involvement and role in the JRB, cases that are referred, and range of diversion activities.

Youth Service Bureaus and Youth Employment Programs: This paper published in 2012 reviews the variety of and benefits of youth employment programs.

Best Practices Connecticut Youth Service Bureau Service Delivery Model for Juvenile Review Boards: This user-friendly document provides a set of standards recommended by the CYSA Juvenile Review Board Advisory Committee.

Youth Service Bureaus Program Report Card: State Department of Education: created by Barry Goff of the Charter Oak Group is a snapshot of what YSBs utilizing the Results Based Accountability model.

Best Practices & Code of Ethics For Youth Service Bureau Professionals and Volunteers: recommends standards set forth by CYSA and can easily be adapted for both employees and volunteers that have administrative responsibilities or direct client access.

Impact on Referral or Diversion of Children and Youth from the Justice System: A Report to the Connecticut General Assembly: This report was submitted by the State Department of Education Commissioner in March 2010.

MEET CYSA's LOBBYIST

Jay Aronson

Jay Aronson, of the Connsensus Government Consulting Company, is honored to have represented the Connecticut Youth Services Association for over a decade and has enjoyed several major successes on behalf of the organization.

Jay counts as one of the biggest "wins" for CYSA the procurement of \$1.2 million bi-annually for increased funding for Youth Service Bureaus, above and beyond their annual state appropriation. And, in the face of a multi billion dollar state deficit in 2011, Jay successfully fought to keep YSB funding whole while appropriations to other organizations were reduced.

Other notable accomplishments on behalf of the organization include working with the Children's Committee to reshape the Youth In Crisis language and Legislative Leadership to help pass the "Raise The Age" statute. Jay is also very proud to have assisted several towns in creating new YSBs. In fact, three new YSBs, Columbia, Voluntown and Watertown, all opened their doors this year due to Jay's efforts.

Statewide, Jay has worked to educate Youth Service Bureaus about the legislative process and helped to keep Youth Service Bureaus in front of state legislative and agency leaders.

Jay looks forward to continuing to work for CYSA and representing them before the Connecticut General Assembly.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The CYSA Board represents the best in what a team should be. As a team we have laid the groundwork for a number of new initiatives that when fully realized will help support the work of YSBs statewide through the following::

- Ongoing work to fund a unified data collection system for all members.
- Creating a Results Based Accountability system in partnership with SDE.
- Partnering with DCF on the Wilderness School Initiative and CSSD to create the JRB-Juvenile Court project unique to YSBs
- Coordinating the CSSD-DCF partnered LIST project in 12 of 13 court districts
- Advocating for and the successful outcome of adding 3 new YSBs
- Retaining the YSB line item in the SDE budget
- Benefiting from Pro Bono Partnership's technical review of our non-profit by laws
- Increasing CYSA membership to 95 YSBs statewide
- Creating a staff consultant position to help lead CYSA
- Facilitating the successful 2012 YSB Day at the Capitol
- Hosting our first ever multi state agency round table discussion
- Facilitating the Annual CYSA conference
- Hosting quarterly Professional Development Trainings
- Coordinating multiple meetings with state agencies to discuss potential future program partnerships
- Presenting Position Papers on YSB Juvenile Justice Programs, Technology Needs, and Youth Employment Initiatives.
- Statewide fundraisers to support the work of CYSA member agencies
- Updating CYSA's website featuring current and archival information about Youth Service Bureaus

WELCOME!

**To the three new Youth Services Bureaus
funded this year by the state legislature:
Columbia, Watertown, and Voluntown.**

STRATEGIC PLANNING

During the Summer of 2012, the CYSA Board of Directors held two planning sessions to create a work plan for the next 2-3 years. The mission statement was refined to better reflect the work of CYSA as a whole and four critical issues were identified: 1) Membership Connectivity defined as encouraging members to be more involved and make a greater commitment to CYSA, 2) Marketing and Public Relations of CYSA to statewide agencies and other organizations, 3) Increase in data collection and publication, 4) Increasing grant funding opportunities for CYSA and in turn the membership. For more information or to read a copy of the report log on to our website: www.ctyouthservices.org

NEW MISSION STATEMENT

***Connecticut Youth Services Association
leads, strengthens and supports a unified
network of Youth Service Bureaus
dedicated to promoting the well-being of
Connecticut's children, youth and families.***

Service Population Advisory Group of the Strategic Prevention Enhancement Initiative

A joint project between CYSA, East of the River Action Substance Abuse Elimination, Inc. (ERASE) and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

In the summer of 2012, CYSA was identified as the provider for facilitating the formation of the Service Population Advisory Group as part of DMHAS' Strategic Prevention Enhancement Initiative. DMHAS recognizes that parents are missing from the conversation regarding prevention on the state level. ERASE has been named as the contractor and fiduciary. CYSA was selected because it is a member of the Strategic Prevention Enhancement Consortium and has the ability to complete the project. The project includes gathering parents in Focus Groups to review the state's five year prevention strategic plan, and identify parent leaders who would be willing to be available to DMHAS for ongoing input from a parental point a view regarding prevention activities in Connecticut. These parents will make up the Service Population Advisory Group.

CYSA is very happy to be embarking on this exciting new venture with DMHAS and ERASE.

**Be sure to check out the launch of
our new website in the next few
weeks!**

www.ctyouthservices.org

Nominees for Board of Directors

OFFICERS

President-Barbara Lockhart, Montville
Vice President – Erica Bromley, Manchester
Secretary – Michelle Piccerillo, Cheshire
Treasurer – Terry Drew, Stamford

Past President – Joel Rosenberg, AHM

AT LARGE MEMBERS

Cheryl Chandler – Haddam/Killingworth
Val Geato – Colchester
Cephus Nolan – East Hartford
Steve Driffen – New Haven
Lori Stanczyc – Rocky Hill

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

Each Chapter Representative is an ex officio member of the Board of Directors and has full voting rights.

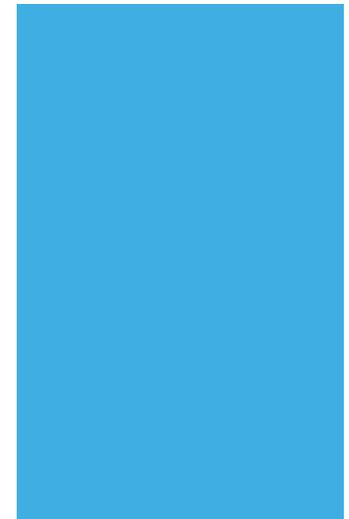
Alan Slobodien (Vernon) - Eastern
Susan Rubino (Hamden) – South Central
Tammy Trojanowski, (Stratford) - Fairfield County
Mary Pont (Portland) – Middlesex County
Mary Seidner (Old Lyme/Lymes) – New London County
Chris Montes (New Britain)-North Central
Kelly Cronin (Waterbury) - Northwestern

Interested in learning more? Join a CYSA Board of Director's meeting held the second Thursday of each month from 10 – 12 at Meriden YSB, Miller Street. Meetings are open to all and provide the opportunity to share information about your YSB while meeting other YSB Directors.
For more information email cysa@ctyouthservices.org



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Connecticut's Youth Service Bureaus*