



Youth Commission

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services – 51 High Street, Bristol CT

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Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call To Order
  - a. Attendance
2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes
  - a. February 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)

Documents:

[ATTACHMENT A.PDF](#)

3. Public Participation
4. Youth and Community Services Supervisor's Reports
  - a. Year-to-Date Financials (Attachment B)
  - b. Youth and Community Services Supervisor's Report (Attachment C)

Documents:

[ATTACHMENT B.PDF](#)  
[ATTACHMENT C - 1.PDF](#)  
[ATTACHMENT C - 2.PDF](#)

5. Old Business
  - a. By Commissioners
6. New Business
  - a. Review Youth & Prevention Leader Award Nominations 2023 (Attachment D)
  - b. Discuss Youth & Prevention Leader Awards Event - May 10, 2023
  - c. Review of Summer Programs & Scholarships

d. Youth and Community Services Strategic Planning Workshop

e. By Commissioners

Documents:

[ATTACHMENT D.PDF](#)

7. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Jazzya Coakley

Recording Secretary

Youth Commission



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Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.  
Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services – 51 High Street, Bristol CT  
Regular Meeting Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Chair Matthew Gotowala called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- b. Attendance

Present: Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chairman  
Deborah Ahl, Vice Chair  
Dr. Corey Nagle, Secretary  
Jonathan Lukasiewicz, Commissioner  
Jolene Lusitani, City Council Member  
Richard Kilby, Commissioner  
Ramon Peters, Commissioner  
Renee Singleton, Commissioner  
Lance Washington, Commissioner

Stephen Bynum, Youth & Community Services Supervisor  
Jay Crowley, Youth & Family Coordinator  
Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent  
Michael Tingley, DFC Project Coordinator

Absent: Ryan Broderick, Commissioner  
Makayla Cervantes, Commissioner  
Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

**2. Acceptance of meeting minutes**

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Vice Chair Ahl to accept the December 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Kilby, all in favor; motion carried.

**3. Public Participation:** None.

**4. Youth and Community Services Supervisor's Reports**

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Vice Chair Ahl to accept and place the Youth & Community Services Supervisor's Reports on file.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Kilby, all in favor; motion carried.

**5. Old Business**

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Kilby to approve the Final Draft of the Youth Recognition Awards Nomination Application as amended.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Washington, all in favor; motion carried.
- b. By Commissioners:

- i. Youth & Community Services Supervisor Bynum provided final update on the Holiday Gift Giving Program; discussion followed.

**6. New Business**

- a. Drug Free Communities Project Coordinator, Michael Tingley, provided updates on Bristol Eliminating Substance Use Together; discussion followed.
- b. By Commissioners:
  - i. Commissioner Peters relayed that he is running for President of UConn's Undergraduate Student Government.

**7. Adjourn**

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Ahl to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.  
Seconded by: Secretary Nagle, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2023 13

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
<b>001 GENERAL FUND</b>							
<b>0017025 YOUTH &amp; COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>							
0017025 432026 YOUTH SERVICES B	-41,930	189	-41,741	-37,161.47	.00	-4,579.53	89.0%*
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0017025 432157 YOUTH SERVICES S	0	-7,246	-7,246	.00	.00	-7,246.00	.0%*
0017025 450301 WELFARE EVICTION	-7,500	0	-7,500	-1,127.00	.00	-6,373.00	15.0%*
0017025 514000 REGULAR WAGES &	278,170	8,345	286,515	186,811.90	.00	99,703.10	65.2%
0017025 515100 OVERTIME WAGES &	5,500	0	5,500	4,544.61	.00	955.39	82.6%
0017025 515200 PARTTIME WAGES &	3,500	0	3,500	.00	.00	3,500.00	.0%
0017025 517000 OTHER WAGES	2,955	1,000	3,955	3,296.74	.00	658.26	83.4%
0017025 531000 PROFESSIONAL FEE	35,000	-12,970	22,030	7,237.50	6,190.00	8,602.50	61.0%
0017025 531115 JRB COORDINATION	8,225	0	8,225	8,112.50	112.50	.00	100.0%
0017025 531120 PROJECT AWARE	41,930	-189	41,741	10,665.36	21,848.59	9,227.05	77.9%
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0017025 541000 PUBLIC UTILITIES	9,500	0	9,500	8,064.79	1,435.21	.00	100.0%
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0017025 543000 REPAIRS & MAINTEN	2,000	0	2,000	936.06	1,061.52	2.42	99.9%
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0017025 561800 PROGRAM SUPPLIES	750	200	950	319.95	.00	630.05	33.7%
0017025 562100 HEATING OIL	7,300	0	7,300	3,327.49	3,972.51	.00	100.0%
0017025 562600 MOTOR FUELS	1,200	0	1,200	707.75	.00	492.25	59.0%
0017025 581120 CONFERENCES & ME	2,300	0	2,300	1,054.75	225.25	1,020.00	55.7%
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0017025 581745 NONREIMBURSEABLE	2,300	0	2,300	923.87	1,300.00	76.13	96.7%
0017025 587232 RELOCATION COSTS	35,000	0	35,000	115,229.61	7,456.90	-87,686.51	350.5%*
TOTAL YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES	383,010	9,345	392,355	324,099.92	44,952.52	23,302.56	94.1%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	383,010	9,345	392,355	324,099.92	44,952.52	23,302.56	94.1%
TOTAL REVENUES	-62,400	-6,977	-69,377	-47,662.75	.00	-21,714.25	
TOTAL EXPENSES	445,410	16,322	461,732	371,762.67	44,952.52	45,016.81	
GRAND TOTAL	383,010	9,345	392,355	324,099.92	44,952.52	23,302.56	94.1%

\*\* END OF REPORT - Generated by Jazzya Coakley \*\*



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## Youth & Community Services Supervisor Report

Youth Commission  
(April 26, 2023)

### Counseling Updates

The Youth and Community Services Division is responsible for the coordination of a comprehensive community-based youth services bureau and the delivery of essential life services for Bristol residents in need. The Bureau strives to enhance the networking and support between family, school, peer, and community environments. Direct services include juvenile diversion programming, individual and family counseling, crisis support and positive youth development opportunities.

#### **This report is being generated to reflect data for individual and Family Counseling, Intakes and Referrals:**

- Number of intakes conducted by staff: 13 (February/March)
- Number of clients currently receiving services: 15 (Full-time staff and Contractors)
- Number of families referred by the BOE: 0
- Number of families referred for (FWSN) Families With Service's Needs: 0

#### **Community Services and the Parent and Child Program:**

- Intakes (February/March) Basic Needs (41), Relocation(7), Evictions and Foreclosures (31)
- 20 intakes for the caring closet (February/March)

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## Current Juvenile Review Board Statistics

- We currently have 14 open cases

### Open Cases:

Charge	Number of Cases
Breach of Peace 2nd	9
Criminal Mischief	2
Disorderly Conduct	2
Larceny 6th	1

### Pending Cases:

Charge	Number of Cases
Assault	1
Burglary 3rd	1
Assault, threat, interfering	1,1,1
Disorderly Cond. / Tres	1

### Total Gender for Open Cases:

Female	6
Male	8

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## Project Aware Program Updates

### A Step Ahead:

Empower Hour: Will begin on February 6<sup>th</sup> for its second session with elementary school students.

Lunch Buddies: Running at South Side School with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. After evaluation of current participants enrolled, this program (that typically runs through lunch and recess) has been altered to a shorter version (lunch only), but extended sessions to meet the needs of the students at their ability. Students enrolled have high emotionality and low self-regulation. Activities have covered healthy decision making, empathy building, engagement, mood regulation, and more. There are 4 sessions remaining.

Bristol Eastern: This program targets 10<sup>th</sup> grade females and concluded this month. All participants engaged fully and used the program to problem solve situations in real time. Participants felt comfortable sharing during the session, developed coping skills, alternative thought processes, and problem-solving strategies.

### Girls With A Purpose:

GWAP participants are fully engaged and participating in weekly activities. Topics discussed include self-awareness, active listening, positive relationships with other peers, self-management, and the development of coping and problem-solving skills. The group is at their mid-way point.

### Paul Vivian Internship:

Peer-to-Peer (PTP) students concluded their first module and created a substance abuse and prevention event at BCHS (as this is their home school) in which to provide information to the students and provide support opportunities if necessary for those in need. The 2<sup>nd</sup> module begins February 4<sup>th</sup> and will address dialogue sessions and peer interactions. Traditional Paul Vivian (PV) students are trained and ready to start work at job sites. Students have not started due to roadblocks to getting all paperwork in that is needed to complete the enrollment process.

### Teens Empowering Others:

Session 1 of TEO has concluded this month. Participants were able to reflect on their experiences, lessons learned, and goals achieved. The main points of success for most participants were the confidence they gained in themselves and the knowledge they learned through activities, discussions, and presenters. Session 2 will tentatively start on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Young Women's Issues Group:**

Participants are broken down into two groups based on school schedule and student need. The program is approaching their mid-way point. Students completed self-evaluations to determine progress made towards goals and identified problem solving steps to reach goals by the end of the program.

### **Tomorrow's Leaders Today:**

Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Chippens Hill Middle School. Group has approximately 5-8 youth per session and is running well. Recently, we had the Bristol Police dog, Frankie, come in to meet the group. This was the group's first introduction to emotional and therapeutic animals. The group is putting together a therapeutic book about Frankie. We have an author of a children's book coming in April. She is going to speak to the group about writing a book and how to get it published. We also met with the school to plan future field trips and the budget for the remaining of the group.

### **Lunch Buddies:**

Green Hills Middle School started Lunch Buddies on March 9<sup>th</sup> with 6 youth enrolled in the program. So far, we have had 2 groups and each group focused on program introduction and teambuilding. Next week we will focus on communication skills, impulse control, and taking turns. The group is being facilitated by the school social worker and BYS staff.

### **Young Men's Group:**

We have about 14 youth attending per group. Recently Planned Parenthood presented on healthy relationships, STIs, and healthy bodies. On March 24, the group attended a field trip to the Bristol Boys and Girls Club. At the club the group was introduced to health and fitness activities, career discussions, and life goal planning. In the coming weeks Wheeler Clinic will present to the group.

### **Man Up:**

This program's first meeting was held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The program has 10 youth enrolled. Our first meeting consisted of creating a full value contract, getting to know each other, and creating program goals. Group members also engaged in discussion around following and accepting rules at school. In the first two meetings, facilitators were able to hold important

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discussions with participants in both indoor and outdoor settings which seems to work well. The next steps will be to define the roles of young men and to explore the myths of how young men are perceived.

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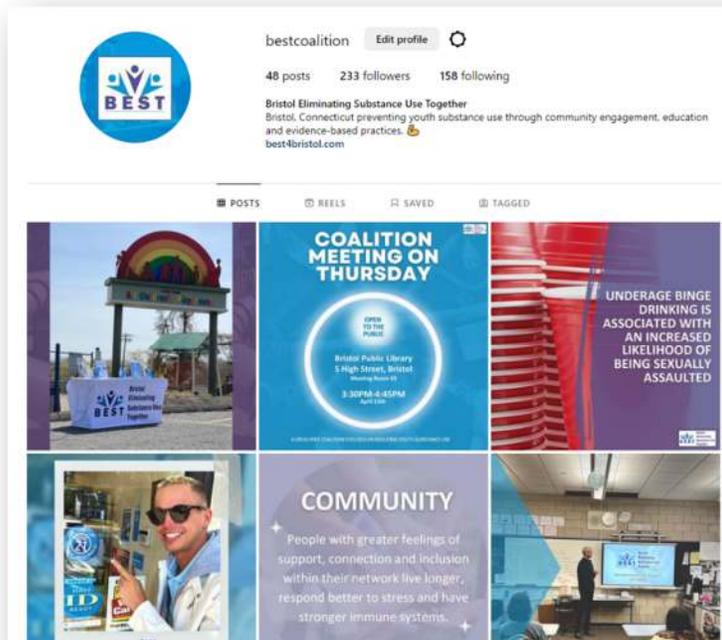
**Bristol  
Eliminating  
Substance Use  
Together**

**Mike Tingley's First 4 Months**

W/BRISTOL ELIMINATING SUBSTANCE USE TOGETHER (BEST)

April 13, 2023

## SOCIAL MEDIA



## INSTAGRAM

We've created a new Instagram. At present there are 48 posts and 233 followers. That is 57 more followers than our previous Instagram account had. Over 100 of these followers are from Bristol high schools. These posts share educational topics about substance use and mental health. They also include events that BEST attends and special announcements.

## FACEBOOK

In Mike's first 4 months BEST's Facebook has gained 50 new followers (401 to 451). Our rate of new followers has increased within a 4 month period. For reference, from January 2022 to Mike's start date in December 2022 (11 months) the Facebook page gained 50 followers.

## HIGH SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

### PEER TO PEER

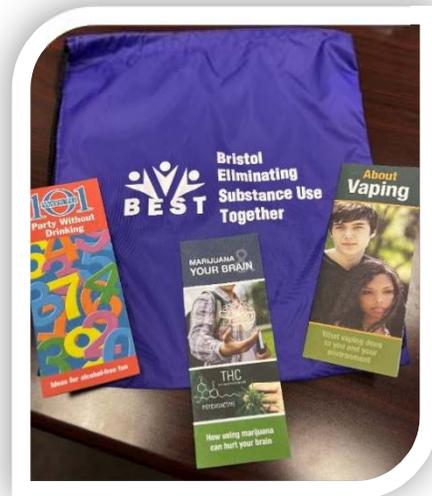
Youth & Family Coordinator, Aly Phelan, and Mike collaborated on a Peer-to-Peer program with two Bristol Central High School juniors. A prevention project related to vaping and other substances was created. The students decided to do a quiz game during lunch about substances. Many students came up to the table and won prizes if they got the answer correct. Prizes included fidgets and BEST swag. Informational posters were also crafted by the students, Mike and Community

Engagement Coordinator, Erica Benoit. LPC grant funds were used for this project.



### BRISTOL CENTRAL GRAD PARTY

Mike reached out to the parents running Bristol Central's safe grad party. Together they came up with the idea to have drawstring bags filled with informational pamphlets. All students in attendance will receive these bags. There is also a plan in place to do a Jeopardy game about substance use and mental health on the buses on the way to the event.



## BRISTOL CENTRAL RESTORATIVE PROGRAM

Mike has met with Principal Pete Winger and Assistant Principal Ryan Broderick to discuss what BEST can do for the high school. They have come up with a plan for Mike to present in the school every Wednesday. Mike will lead a group for students who have been caught using substances in school. The restorative program will be based on SMART Recovery, which Mike has been certified to train. The program will be 4 sessions with a follow-up with parents/guardians. The program focuses on motivation, coping skills, dealing with urges and more. Mike will also be present during lunch to build relationships with students.

## BRISTOL EASTERN SPEAKER

Mike had a meeting with the principal and others at Bristol Eastern. They asked Mike to attend their assembly featuring a speaker with lived experience. Mike attended the assembly and was present after to speak with students who needed to talk. Mike handed out pamphlets and BEST swag.



## BRISTOL EASTERN PARENTS' NIGHT

Mike and Rea tabled at Bristol Eastern's Parents' Night on March 9<sup>th</sup>. They handed out pamphlets and BEST swag.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

### BEST PARTNERS WITH TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY (TLT) PROGRAM

Tomorrow's Leaders Today is a after school program funded by the state. Mike visits Chippens Middle School and Northeast Middle School on Mondays (switching schools every other Monday). Mike and students work on projects related to substance use and mental health. So far students and Mike have focused on anxiety, reasons not to use substances and bullying.



### PRESENTATIONS AT CHIPPENS

Mike met with the wellness teachers at Chippens Middle School and they came up with the idea of Mike presenting to all students about vaping, cannabis and other drugs. Mike put together two presentations, about 30 slides each, based on grade level. Mike has given 25 presentations to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders during the end of March/beginning of April.



## COALITION MEETINGS

There have been 3 coalition meetings (January, February, March).

Attendance at meetings:

January: 17

February: 15

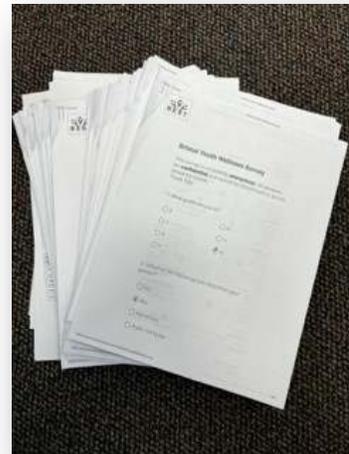
March: 17

Conor Burke, Johnny Burnham, Anicia Lockhart and Scott Rosado have been added as new sector representatives.

## SURVEYS

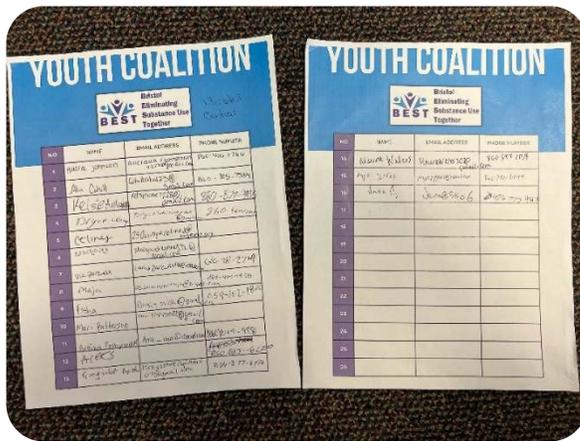
After Steve Bynum spoke with the Board of Ed, Sara Hale helped get the surveys out to middle school and high school students. This resulted in hundreds of returned surveys. Mike Tingley also went around town and received completed surveys, as well. At the end we had 972 completed surveys. Our last survey that was completed in 2020 had 281 completed surveys.

Nina Chanana has finished creating the Wellness Summary.



## YOUTH COALITION

Mike Tingley met with Dianne Laverio-Ward, the Behavior Intervention Specialist at Bristol Eastern. She introduced him to 9 students who would be a great fit for BEST's Youth Coalition. Mike also tabled during lunch at Bristol Central and had 16 students sign-up. Mike has created promotional flyers and sent out emails to all of the students interested in joining. Friends were encouraged to attend.



## MARKETING

### PROMOTIONAL FLYER

Mike Tingley and Erica Benoit worked together to craft a promotional flyer for BEST. The flyer has been delivered to over 30 businesses in town and is regularly handed out.



### PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Mike Tingley created promotional items on 4Imprint to hand out. This is to help get BEST's name out in the community.

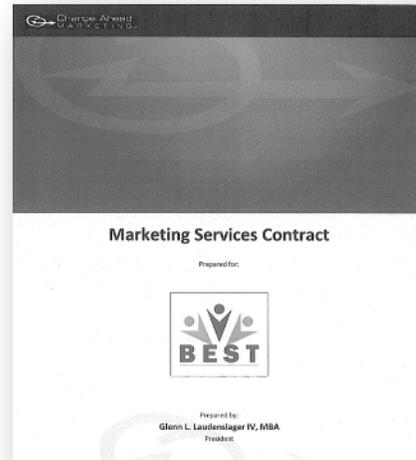
## APPAREL

Mike Tingley created BEST hats to give out to coalition members and T-shirts to wear at events.



## AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

BEST has recruited Charge Ahead to help them with an Awareness Campaign about BEST. Charge Ahead is currently developing a strategy, concept and theme for the campaign.



## SOCIAL MEDIA CARDS

Mike Tingley has created social media business cards to hand out to the community. This will help draw them to BEST's social media platforms. There are QR codes that will bring them to our Instagram and Facebook.



## POTENTIAL PSA W/DONOVAN CLINGAN

Mike Tingley received an email from a man saying that he was an agent for Donovan Clingan of the UCONN Huskies men's basketball team. Mike contacted Donovan via Instagram to see if this was his agent. It was not. However, Donovan seemed interested in working with BEST on something. Mike reached out to Motion, Inc to give us a quote for a 30 second PSA with Donovan. This is not set in stone, but an idea.

## COMPLIANCE



## WINDOW CLINGS

Mike Tingley and Erica Benoit worked together to craft a No Sale Under 21 window cling. These are being delivered to retailers within the community. Bristol-Burlington Health District and the City of Bristol were awesome enough to let us include their logos on the window cling to help give us more clout.

Retailers that have received the window cling, so far:

CT Smoke and Vape Shop	Maple End Package Store
Smoking Ape (728 Farmington)	Burlington Ave Wine & Spirits
Smoking Ape (74 Farmington)	Crazy Bruce's Discount Liquors
VapeLife	Sunoco Gas Station (201 North St)
Avalon Smoke Shop	Valero (1053 Farmington)
420 Smoke & Vape	Bristol Liquor Outlet
Discount Tobacco	Citgo (44 South Street)
Lite It Up Smokeshop	Cumberland Farms (191 Central St)
Tobacconist	BP (89 Stafford Ave)
Shell (57 Middle St)	Mobile (330 Middle St)
	Citgo (527 Middle St)

## PARTNERSHIPS

### BREAKING THE CYCLE

Mike Tingley, Josh Medeiros and the Mayor met with a representative from Breaking The Cycle. The program is for youth with substance use disorder. They go biking in Bristol park trails. Mike later met with three men who run the program and the collaboration will likely result in T-shirts being made with BEST's logo on it, as well as Breaking The Cycle's. The youth coalition will also be involved and attend the gatherings, serving as mentors.

### BRISTOL BLUES PRIDE

BEST will be collaborating with the Bristol Blues for their Pride event on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Mike Tingley, Aly Phelan (Youth and Family Coordinator) and Jay Crowley (Youth and Family Coordinator) met to discuss ideas. Mike Tingley later met with Jordan Scheiner from the Bristol Blues to discuss ideas. A T-shirt will be created for the event that will include BEST's logo on it. BEST will table at the event.

## NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK



### STEPS, CASA, BEST PARTNERSHIP

After meeting with STEPS and CASA, the prevention coalitions have decided to collaborate for National Prevention Week in May. We are in the process of creating counter mats for retailers in our towns. The mats will feature all of our logos with QR codes to our websites

### CHIPPANEE GOLF CLUB LAWN SIGNS

Chippanee Golf Course has given BEST the okay to create lawn signs to put throughout the course the Saturday of NPW. These lawn signs will have facts about substances like opioids.

### NAPKINS AT ICE CREAM SHOPS

Sarah Larson came up with the idea to ask ice cream shops in town to use napkins that we develop. These napkins will be purple, have our logo on it and have a substance use related fact.

### TABLE TENTS AT RESTAURANTS/SCHOOLS

Table tents with preventative messages regarding BEST's target substances have been created to put on restaurant tables and school cafeteria tables.

### LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS

BEST has purchased books on mental health and substance use for the libraries in town. Both libraries are on board with it. The books will be displayed in the libraries during NPW with information about BEST.



## EVENTS

### CADCA

Mike Tingley attended the CADCA conference in Maryland at the end of January/beginning of February.



### EVERYTHING EXPO

BEST tabled at the Chamber's Everything Expo on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Mike, Rea, Angie, Pastor Todd, Sandy and Anicia were in attendance.



## CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH AT PAGE PARK & ROCKWELL PARK

BEST tabled at Page Park on April 11<sup>th</sup> and Rockwell Park on April 13<sup>th</sup> with Youth and Community Services. Mike spoke with patrons, gave out info and increased followers on Instagram.



## PERSONNEL

### PROJECT ASSOCIATE HIRED

Aurelia Mushrall has been hired as the Project Associate for BEST



## GRANT APPLICATION

### YEAR 8 RE-APPLICATION

The DFC Year 8 Application has been completed and submitted



# 2023 Bristol Youth and Prevention Leaders Awards

<b>Organization:</b>	Community Services
<b>Contact Person:</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Aubrey <b>Last Name:</b> Minkler
<b>Phone Number</b>	860-314-4690
<b>Fax Number</b>	
<b>Email</b>	aubreyminkler@bristolct.gov
<b>Youth/Youth Group Name:</b>	Haley Laforge
<b>Age or Grade Range (for groups):</b>	10
<b>Resident Parent/Guardian Name:</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Stephanie <b>Last Name:</b> Laforge
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 260 Birch St <b>City:</b> Bristol <b>State:</b> CT <b>Zip:</b> 06010
<b>Phone Number</b>	860-877-1598
<b>Other/Custodial Parent:</b>	
<b>Full Address</b>	
<b>Categories of Service (select all that apply):</b>	Community
<b>Period of Time:</b>	April 2022-December 2022
<b>Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.</b>	I am honored to write this nomination for Haley Laforge as a 2023 Youth of the Year. I had the privilege of meeting Haley during this year's Holiday program and was blown away by not only her service hours but her passion for the work she does. One of her major service projects included helping with the Holiday Gift Giving Program. Over the course of the spring and summer months Haley ran a farm stand, which included items from her personal garden and items she baked. Hayley used 100% of the proceeds from her farm stand to adopt 8 children for Christmas. She then shopped, wrapped and delivered the items to BPRYCS. In total she spent well over 60 hours working on this project. From planting the vegetables and flower arrangements, to working in the garden, harvesting the product, running the stand and then using all of the proceeds to help

families in need. This is just one project she has worked on. Hayley also has volunteered during the Fishing derby and sold raffle tickets for the American Legion raising over \$2,000. Haley is truly a remarkable young lady who has done so much for our community already, at such a young age.

**Please attach photos of the of the nominee(s) to be featured during the Youth Recognition Awards ceremony in May.**

haley christmas.png

**Group Leader:**

**Phone Number**

**Full Address**

**Email**

**Please provide a list of all group members below:**



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## Bristol YOUTH and PREVENTION LEADERS AWARDS

Awarded by:

Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano, the Department of Parks, Recreation,  
Youth and Community Services and the Bristol Youth Commission

Nominator:

Organization: Kids in the Middle  
Contact Person: Amy Campisano Telephone: 860-884-3459  
Email: amycampisano@bristolct12.org Fax: 860-584-4833

Nominee:

Youth/Youth Group Name: Shawn's Gonzalez - Miranda  
Age or Grade Range (for groups): 9th Grade BEHS  
Resident Parent/Guardian Name: Jennifer Wergold

(Guardian info, not applicable to groups, Communications will go through coordinators who will notify their groups)

Address: 57 Wooding St. Bristol, CT  
Telephone: 860-318-1238  
Other/Custodial Parent: Juan Gonzalez  
Address: 57 Wooding St. Bristol, CT

Categories of Service (Select all that apply):

School       Service Agency       Community

Period of Time: March 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023

**2023**

Individual Youth Leadership Award Nomination

**S. G-M 9TH GRADER**

**BRISTOL EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL**

It is an honor to nominate S.G-M for recognition as an outstanding student who has demonstrated passionate efforts in supporting both his school and city communities. S.G-M is a young man who is genuinely compassionate & kind to others. He leads by example and interacts with his peers in a manner that motivates and encourages them to strive to do better.

I have had the privilege to volunteer beside S. through the Kids in the Middle Program for several years. He has been a true asset to my program through his middle school years and continues to return to serve the community in many capacities during his high school journey. I have had the pleasure of interacting with his family and brother all whom share his desire to do good.

S. is a leader who has touched the lives of many through his volunteer activities. He has participated in community events designed to promote the concept of rising by lifting others, including volunteer service for Bristol Veterans, Special Olympics of CT, Bristol Park & Recreation and many more. For years he has served as a positive role model for the Ed Beardsley Challenger Discovery Program. I contacted the Director, Dee Valerio-Matyka for a character reference and she stated, " he is very dependable, very caring and has a great work ethic." She

expressed that he “displays great patience & understanding” when working with both the youths & adults in the Challenger Basketball & Baseball Programs. S. is a role model in and out of the classroom, as well as on & off the field. He successfully balances academics and sports and manages to save time to give back. According to Sarah Maestre, Geometry Teacher at Bristol Eastern High School, S., “is a valued member of class, who not only works hard everyday, but is willing to work with his group to tackle challenging problems.” She describes S. as, “an exceptionally polite young man, who has a great sense of humor.” Coach Sonstrom at BEHS describes S. as having a “willing attitude” and one who “challenges himself to be a better player, all while exhibiting the characteristics of a great team player.” The Bristol Police Cadet Program is lucky to call S. a Cadet. Officer Erica McNally, Cadet Advisor, said he has made many “positive contributions” and is “very eager to learn”.

It is S’s eagerness to learn and serve that set him apart. He is a true role model for his peers. S. is an inspiration to others and a volunteer that is all heart. I am proud to volunteer beside him & nominate him today for this leadership honor.

SERVICE AGENCY HOURS: 60

COMMUNITY HOURS: 30



# 2023 Bristol Youth and Prevention Leaders Awards

<b>Organization:</b>	Bristol Police Cadets
<b>Contact Person:</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Aubrey <b>Last Name:</b> Minkler
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<b>Fax Number</b>	
<b>Email</b>	aubreyminkler@bristolct.gov
<b>Youth/Youth Group Name:</b>	Bristol Police Cadets
<b>Age or Grade Range (for groups):</b>	14-18
<b>Resident Parent/Guardian Name:</b>	
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 131 N Main St <b>City:</b> Bristol <b>State:</b> CT <b>Zip:</b> 06010
<b>Phone Number</b>	8605843000
<b>Other/Custodial Parent:</b>	
<b>Full Address</b>	
<b>Categories of Service (select all that apply):</b>	Community
<b>Period of Time:</b>	4/15-12/21 (will give complete list of times to Jazz)
<b>Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.</b>	In collaboration with Bristol Police Department, it gives me great pleasure in nominating a group of students who have and continue to go above and beyond for our community. I had the opportunity to work with the Youth Cadets during the Holiday Gift Giving Program and was blown away by each individuals eagerness to help, level of commitment, and enthusiasm for the voluntary assistance they provide. Over the course of the past year, they have volunteered at more than 16 events in our city and continue to faithfully volunteer and lead, despite the loss of two of their mentors. The Bristol Police Department Youth Cadets energy and resilience is contagious, and we are lucky to have them in our city.
<b>Please attach photos of the of the nominee(s) to be featured</b>	

<b>during the Youth Recognition Awards ceremony in May.</b>	police.jpg
<b>Group Leader:</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Nicolas <b>Last Name:</b> Travisano
<b>Phone Number</b>	8605843000
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 131 N Main St <b>City:</b> Bristol <b>State:</b> CT <b>Zip:</b> 06010
<b>Email</b>	NicolasTravisano@bristolct.gov
<b>Please provide a list of all group members below:</b>	Will send list to Jazz.

	B	C	D	E
	First Legal Name:	Last Legal Name:	Date of Birth	What School Do You Attend
6	Gianna	Leone	2/19/2006	Bristol Central Highschool
2	Rita	Gao	11/27/2006	Bristol Eastern
6	Aemun	Burhan	6/12/006	Bristol eastern Highschool
4	Nayarit	Sanchez Ventura	3/2/2005	Bristol Eastern school
8	Giomar	Vigo	10/15/2008	Bristol Estern high school
7	Jade	Gaud	5/2/2006	Bristol Central Highschool
8	Matthew	Harkey	1/7/2006	Bristol Eastern High School
8	Edgar	Puente	12/24/2005	Bristol central highschool
4	Nafila	Puente	7/14/2007	E.C Goodwin technical high school
8	Laianny	Velazquez	3/8/2007	Bristol Eastern
3	Shawn'D	Gonzalez-Miranda	12/25/2007	Bristol Eastern High School
7	Nathaniel	Rivera	6/28/2005	Bristol Central
7	Madison	Santello	10/31/2003	Graduated/Non-Applicable
7	Frank j Warzocha	Warzocha	6/23/2006	BCHS
2	Cindaliz	Negron Garcia	8/31/2006	Bristol eastern high school

## **Aubrey Minkler**

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**From:** Nicolas Travisano  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023 5:06 PM  
**To:** Aubrey Minkler  
**Subject:** Cadet Events from 2022

Hey Aubrey

The following are the events the cadets attended in 2022:

4/15 Indian Rock Egg Hunt  
5/14-15 Fishing Derby  
5/30 Memorial Day Parade  
5/21 Barns Nature Center (craft fair)  
7/31 Music on the Farm  
8/2 Neighborhood night out  
8/16-18 CT Swat Challenge  
8/20 Rockwell fest.  
8/24-25 Pencil Hunt  
9/10-11 Polish Fest  
9/16-17 German fest  
9/25- mum parade  
10/12 Green-Hills Haunted House set up  
11/19 Stuff a Cruiser  
12/3 & 12/21 Gift Wrapping stuff-a-cruiser toys

The cadets provide free service for all these events. They carry with them a wide variety of responsibilities. Let me know if you need more info regarding this.

Best  
Nick Travisano



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## 2023 Bristol Youth and Prevention Leaders Awards

The City of Bristol is celebrating its **31st Annual Bristol Youth and Prevention Leaders (B.E.S.T) Awards** on May 10, 2023 at 6:00pm at Muzzy Field. The Mayor, Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services staff, BEST for Bristol Coalition and the Bristol Youth Commission will be hosting a ceremony recognizing Bristol youth who have given **exceptional service** to their community. Nominations will be accepted for any Bristol youth and/or youth group that have made a meaningful contribution to their school, a service agency, and/or the community.

**Youth and Prevention leader award nominees are required to reside within the Bristol community to be eligible for award nomination.**

Nominations must be filled out by an adult who supervised or benefited from the service. Please be sure to fill out the application completely. This is an award of distinction; the description of the contributions made by the youth or youth group must be clear and quantifiable.

### INDIVIDUAL YOUTH NOMINATION:

Youth who have demonstrated outstanding efforts to help others through the use of their thoughtfulness, energy, talents, skills, or personal abilities.

### YOUTH GROUP NOMINATIONS:

Youth groups whose full memberships, collectively, and without compensation, have made significant and meaningful contributions that can be quantified by the number of activities, service projects, as well as, qualify by the effect on the people being served.

### FUTURE PREVENTION LEADER OF THE YEAR:

Recognizes a youth member who demonstrates an exceptional ability to work productively within the community to reduce substance misuse and mental illness. This person shows a willingness to pursue prevention work in the future.

### COALITION MEMBER OF THE YEAR:

The Coalition Member of the Year award celebrates the BEST coalition member who went above and beyond the call of duty. This individual demonstrates passionate, knowledgeable, enthusiastic and hardworking qualities. The member is actively involved with meetings, events and other coalition duties.



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**CRITERION:**

**Hours that have been performed for credit or mandatory service projects will not be counted.**

To be considered, the volunteer service needs to be performed in two of the following three areas:

a) School, b) Service Agency and c) Community.

**The number of volunteer hours from March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023 needs to be quantified.**

The Commission is looking for a minimum number of hours by the following school age grouping:

**Elementary School: 25 – 50 hrs.**

**Middle School - 50 - 75 hrs.**

**High School - 75 - 100 hrs.**

**Please note, the minimum number of hours for the Youth Prevention Leader of the Year Awards' varies slightly:**

Future Prevention Leader of the year:

**Elementary School: 10 – 15 hrs.**

**Middle School: 15 – 25 hrs.**

**High School: - 25 – 50 hrs.**

**Please carefully document all hours.**

It is important to note that the selections will be made based on exceptional service, above and beyond the call of duty. Please include a summary highlighting their special qualities, talents, skills, and abilities, in addition to the contributions the youth has made to their community.



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## REQUIREMENTS:

The service should be completed from March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023 in order to qualify.

Categories of Service: 1.) School, 2.) Service Agency, and 3.) Community. Please complete each section that applies. Complete the application fully with a description that contains concise details and **use initials only** when referring to the nominee(s).

**The deadline for nominations is no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2023.**

### **Mail your nomination to:**

Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services  
Attention: Youth Recognition Awards  
51 High Street  
Bristol, CT 06010

### **Email your nomination to:**

Jazzya Coakley  
[Jazzyacoakley@bristolct.gov](mailto:Jazzyacoakley@bristolct.gov)  
Subject Line: Youth Recognition Awards

Nomination application forms for both an individual Youth and Youth Group are enclosed.

Youth/youth group award recipients will be notified of their selection by April 12, 2023. Recipients will be honored alongside their families at a special ceremony hosted by Mayor Caggiano, the Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth, and Community Services, BEST for Bristol Coalition and the Bristol Youth Commission on May 10, 2023 at 6:00pm at Muzzy Field. Nominators are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For additional information please contact Jazzya Coakley at 1-860-314-4690.



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Youth and Community Services and the Bristol Youth Commission

### Nominator:

Organization: Chippens Hill Middle School

Contact Person: Alida Roberts Telephone: 860-584-3881 or 860-276-3391

Email: alidaroberts@bristolct12.org Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee:

Youth/Youth Group Name: CHMS Save Promise Club

Age or Grade Range (for groups): 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade

Resident Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Guardian info, not applicable to groups, Communications will go through coordinators who will notify their groups)

Address: 551 Peacedale St, Bristol, CT 06010

Telephone: 860-584-3881

Other/Custodial Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Categories of Service (Select all that apply):

School       Service Agency       Community

Period of Time: 3/1/2022-2/28/23



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Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community. (Please attach additional pages as necessary)

The Chippens Hill Middle School Save Promise Club started during the 21-22 school year. A strong group of then 8<sup>th</sup> graders took on the leadership role of this club and helped shape the club into what it is today. Their ideas and values were passed down to the younger members and they taught them how to run the club this year. Over the past 2 school years, CHMS Save Promise Club has done numerous things to help our school and the community around us. Last Spring, we held an event at school called "Pie a Teacher in the Face". We had teachers volunteer to participate and then held a celebration in the auditorium per grade level where lucky students were chosen for the honors. We sold tickets and raised money to help support our 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of the year activities. We raised enough money to sponsor a few 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and pay for their trip, where they may have not had this opportunity otherwise to attend. The students and staff had a great time; this event brought much laughter and smiles to our school community and was so successful that we will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual pie a teacher in the face this spring. The Save Promise Club also held a toy collection at school for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. The Chippens Hill Community helped us collect over 200 toys for Connecticut Children's Medical Center. We also sponsored the participation of PJ Day this year for Connecticut Children's Medical Center Cancer Research. Students paid a \$1 to wear their pj's to school. The Save Promise Club raised \$680.46 for cancer research. These are a few of the many things that our club has done over the past year to help our school community and beyond.

Our members meet weekly after school for an hour. As a group we come up with activities within our school to promote kindness, and to make everyone feel part of the community. We run school activities such as door decorating contests to try to bring the Chippens Hill Middle School community together in a positive and supportive way. These students work hard and are wonderful leaders. They exemplify what a leader in the community







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<b>Organization:</b>	
<b>Contact Person:</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Fax Number</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Youth/Youth Group Name:</b>	InterAct Club
<b>Age or Grade Range (for groups):</b>	17
<b>Resident Parent/Guardian Name:</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Greta <b>Last Name:</b> Tello
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 471 wolcott st <b>City:</b> Bristol <b>State:</b> CT <b>Zip:</b> 06010
<b>Phone Number</b>	860-940-3265
<b>Other/Custodial Parent:</b>	
<b>Full Address</b>	
<b>Categories of Service (select all that apply):</b>	School Community
<b>Period of Time:</b>	134 HRS IN TOTAL FOR: -INTERACT CLUB -JV SUMMER/FALL/WINTER BRISTOL HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER -PLYMOUTH AMBULANCE VOLUNTEER CORPS
<b>Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.</b>	I have done community service and I have volunteered countless times and in different areas of Connecticut since I was 13, my Sophomore year I was looking into various clubs that are given to students like me in BCHS, I came across a club called The InterAct Club, I looked at the description and I automatically joined it, it is based of community service and volunteering, through this club I have had amazing experience's, but in 2022 as president of the InterAct Club I experienced the most heartwarming event that will forever be in my heart and in my memories...This event took place on December 2nd, 2022 on our BCHS football field, it was our annual powderpuff football, Make A Wish fundraiser, I did as much as I could to spread the event out to parents, staff, and students, I made

banners and hung them around the school as advertisement for the event, I even posted on bristol talks, and my team of officers and members helped a lot with setting up the decorations and tables at the football field and taking charge of specific stands, as it hit 4:00 I saw many parents and students on the bleachers ready to watch the game and watch our boy cheerleaders, and then and there it hit me that everyone participating and watching the game, has made a donation to the Make A Wish foundation of CT to raise almost 2,000 and that they all are taking part of giving a child with an illness a wish, and by the end of the day everyone had fun, I and my team had a chance to make part of the community of bristol and BCHS grant wishes to the stars of the M.A.W foundation, not only that but it also grew my heart and my growth as a person, the day Charlie (A wish kid) came to talk about her experience with getting her wish granted, her story has really opened up my eyes to how much of an impact our school, the Bristol community, and the InterAct Club has done by raising an event/fundraiser to donate all the money we gained towards M.A.W, each dollar and cent, will help a kid have a meaningful wish that will forever stay in their hearts and souls, and may we all push the children of Bristol to make an impact in our Community! Thank You.

<b>Group Leader:</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Angella <b>Last Name:</b> Avila
<b>Phone Number</b>	8602598975
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 471 wolcott st <b>City:</b> Bristol <b>State:</b> CT <b>Zip:</b> 06010
<b>Email</b>	angella.avila1234@gmail.com
<b>Please provide a list of all group members below:</b>	Angella Avila (president) Kelly MONAHAN-DINOIA (supervisor) Adrian Milewski Grace Mazzone Isabel Paolino (VP) Kenneth Whitford (VP) Mia Giantonio Olivia Blanca (VP) Samera Alyosfi  Lance Archibald  Kylee Barnes  Milan Barresi

Kolbi Beers

Carissa Boutot

Jabreea Boxley

Jordan Boysaw

Janelle Brand

Leslie Caivinagua

Jimmy Cantarero

Brittany Cantres Cruz

Viet Cao

Lisette Castillo

Emmanuel Ceron

Madison Corcoran

Angelique DeJesus

Madison Dumas

Madison Field

Kimberly Flores Arsuaga

Emily Gao

Jeslyann Garcia

Michelle Granda Carpio

Molly Greaves

Abigail Hansen

Shanell Haye

Rowan Hennessey

Jessinet Irizarry

Gabriella Jimenez

Amariah Johnson

Jack Jones

Johannie Juarez

Lily Kirk

Samantha Licki

Mackenzie Little

Jenna Lukasiewicz

Aleida Lyon

Angelena Maher-Darden

Angelina Martinez

Annie McCuin

Clover McKinley

Miranda Muscara

Abryanna Nieves

Olivia Norrie

LaBella Olmo

Yadier Ortiz

Rocco Paolino

Alexis Perez

Madison Pflugbeil

Elizabeth Phan

Emily Phan

Trishelle Phillip

Julia Pikiell

Madison Pikiell

Taylor Porrini

Rayiah Reinhard

Adrianna Rivera

Isabella RIVERA

Hailey Rosado Lopez

Miguel Salguero

Katerine Sanchez

Shandell Sanmartin

Isabella Scarola

Kate Schilling

Maja Serwinski

Melissa Silahak

Lorelei Stancavage

Sophia Stark

Mackenzie Starks

Jennifer Sugrue

Emma Tedesco

Victoria Testa

Mya Torres

Ashley Totten

Ysanne Turtem

Amber VanAlstyne

Nikolas VanBeveren

Maura Waters

Brooke Watson

Trevor Wells

Jacob Wilson

Matthew Wilson

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Email: amycampisano@bristolk12.org Fax: 860-584-4833

Nominee:

Youth/Youth Group Name: Kids in the Middle  
Age or Grade Range (for groups): 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Resident Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Guardian info, not applicable to groups, Communications will go through coordinators who will notify their groups)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other/Custodial Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Categories of Service (Select all that apply):

School       Service Agency       Community

Period of Time: March 1, 2022 — February 28, 2023

**2023**

**YOUTH GROUP LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION**

**KIDS IN THE MIDDLE**

CHIPPENS HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
WEST BRISTOL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BRISTOL EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

It is with great pleasure and honor that I nominate the **Kids in the Middle Program (K.I.M.)** for Youth Service Recognition. Kids in the Middle Students from Chippens Hill Middle School, West Bristol School & an Alumni Assistant from Bristol Eastern High School have demonstrated outstanding efforts in providing support to both their schools & Bristol Community. Our students are a true testament to the power of kindness. These students are an inspiration to other students and role models for the Bristol Community as a whole.

Our Kids in the Middle Students are excited to be back in person in the community after our stalled program throughout the pandemic. Now, as many restrictions have been lifted, we are back in action and K.I.M. Students have participated in a variety of community activities designed to promote the concept of rising by lifting others. During the time frame of March 2022 - February 2023, Kids in the Middle has assisted with numerous community events with the Bristol Public Library, Bristol Park & Recreation, Bristol Veterans Council, Bristol Police Department, Ed Beardsley Challengers Program, Ingraham Manor, Countryside Manor,

Giamatti Little League & the United Way of West Central Connecticut.

Our program was humbled to spend an evening with Chief Gould and other men & women in blue. Kids in the Middle hosted a "Home-baked Goods for Heroes" night, where approximately 40 students & their families were welcomed into the police department with baked goods for the force. Our program presented the Chief with a framed aerial photo of the city illuminated in blue lights. Several students from West Bristol School shared a message of hope for healing.

Countryside Manor and the residents it houses, hold a special place in the lives of many KIM Students. We have been thrilled to reconnect in person and have shared bingo & crafts nights together in the recreation room again. The smiles and warmth of those nights are special. Relationships have been developed between students & residents that bring joy to both. Over the past year, K.I.M. Students have been active in designing a variety of crafts to be displayed within the resident's rooms and upon their doors. Student's utilized their art skills & creativity to make handcrafted seasonal cards, which were constructed during various in school KIM Pop-Up Workshops. Most recently, our students designed beautiful Valentine's Day cards to spread the love throughout Countryside Manor. This year we have expanded our services to Ingraham Manor and are pleased to be making new relationships with the residents there.

We are always excited to volunteer at the Bristol Park & Recreations' Winter Wonderland Event at Rockwell Park. During

this spectacular event our students spread holiday cheer, as they served hot cocoa, assisted at cookie decorating & craft stations, dressed in costumes & took on the role of Santa Elves.

Several of our KIM Students had the opportunity to participate in the Challengers Basketball & Baseball Program and assist both students & adults with special needs. They met weekly from April 2022 - June 2022 & September 2022 - December 2022 to serve as a buddy to a "Challenger". It was wonderful to see the relationships develop. Our KIM Students displayed commitment, patience & kindness. We are looking forward to mid April when we will rejoin them again to volunteer for the Challengers Baseball Program.

Several K.I.M. Students, along with their family members participated in our annual flag replacement at West Cemetery. Last year we replaced 1,600 flags in honor & memory of our veterans. What a beautiful day of family engagement.

Our good deeds not only extend to our Bristol Community, they impact our own Bristol School Community. KIM Students often serve in the capacity of guides during conferences & open houses, man fundraising & informational tables and assist administration & myself with a variety of in-house service projects. They are an absolute asset to our school community, as they promote behaviors that encourage positive growth & the desire to be part of something bigger than themselves.

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate our program. The Kids in the Middle Program provides our youth with an opportunity to

connect with peers, while making a difference volunteering throughout the Bristol Community and within their own school community. I am inspired by my K.I.M. students everyday and so proud of their motivation to be the good in the world. Despite the challenges they have faced, they remained constant in their desire to give back. They take pride in their good works and they truly are all "**Volunteers with Heart**". Their positive energy is indeed felt community wide and their warmth is contagious. Kids in the Middle Students stand tall, as the leaders of tomorrow and the hope for our future.

**Kids + Kindness = Kids in the Middle**

## **MARCH 2022 - FEBRUARY 2023**

**SCHOOL HOURS: 32 HOURS**  
**CHIPPENS HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**WEST BRISTOL SCHOOL**

**SERVICE AGENCY HOURS: 22 HOURS**  
**BRISTOL PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BRISTOL PARK & RECREATION**  
**BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**COMMUNITY HOURS: 81 HOURS**  
**COUNTRYSIDE MANOR**  
**INGRAHAM MANOR**  
**APPETITE FOR READING PROGRAM**  
**ED BEARDSLEY CHALLENGERS PROGRAM**



## KIDS IN THE MIDDLE

2022-2023 - CHIPPENS HILL

*Active Students*

AVA ALBERT	8 PURPLE
MARIA ALBERT	7 YELLOW
DEVYN BARNES	6 GOLD
ISABELLA BASHAW	7 BLUE
ALIYAH BIGGS	7 BLUE
AVA BLANCHETTE	7 BLUE
MADISYN BRZEZINSKI	7 SILVER
ANDREA CAMERL	7 YELLOW
CARSON CARRIERE	7 SILVER
GIANNA CASSIN	6 GOLD
LILLIAN CLOUTIER	6 SILVER
ALEXIS CURYLO	6 ORANGE
ELLA DAVIS	7 BLUE
ERIC DEAN	7 YELLOW
TRE ENGRAM	6 ORANGE
ALLY FIELDS	6 GOLD
QUINN FLOYD	6 GOLD

CAMRYN FORAN	7 BLUE
JOCILYN FORAN	6 GOLD
FARRAH GRISWOLD	6 GOLD
LANDON HOPKINS	8 RED
ASHTON HULTSLANDER	8 RED
ALANNA JACKSON	6 GOLD
SCARLET KICHAR	6 GOLD
ARIANNA LASORSA	7 YELLOW
AVA LOUKOUMIS	7 SILVER
SERENITY LOPEZ	6 ORANGE
EMMA MACDONALD	7 BLUE
ERIN MATEO	7 SILVER
BRETT MAYNARD	7 BLUE
AMELIA MCELWEE	6 GOLD
NOAH MILLER	6 GOLD
JULIA MORIARTY	7 BLUE
AVA MULLINS	7 BLUE
OLIVIA OBOPILWE	7 SILVER
IJEOMA OKEKE	7 SILVER
AMIE PARKER	7 BLUE
HARPER PATTON	6 GOLD
ELISABETH PERALTA	6 GOLD
ANNA PRATT	7 SILVER
NELIANGELIS RIVERA	7 YELLOW
ROBIN ROTHKUGEL	7 BLUE
YULIYA SAMOYLYUK	6 GOLD

MIA SANCHEZ	7 SILVER
MIA SANFORD	8 YELLOW
MARIAH SERRANO	7 YELLOW
KILEY SIMONE	7 BLUE
ELLA SMITH	7 BLUE
BRAEDEN SMITH	6 GOLD
GABRIELLA STANFORD	7 BLUE
KAELYNNE STANFORD	7 BLUE
KARA STOPKOSKI	6 ORANGE
MIA STOPKOSKI	7 SILVER
HAILEY SWANSON	7 BLUE
SELENA TRAN	7 SILVER
KAYLEE VA	8 PURPLE
SAVANNAH VA	6 GOLD
ROISIN WALSH	7 BLUE
MAYA WOJTOWICZ	6 ORANGE



KIDS IN THE MIDDLE  
2022-2023 - WEST BRISTOL  
*Active Students*

BAILEIGH ADKINS	6TH
ANN MARIE BEAUCHEMIN	8TH
AVERY BROWNING	8TH
KYLA BROWNING	8TH
AIDEN BUDNIK	6TH
MACKENZIE CIECHOSKI	7TH
ISAIAH CORDERO	6TH
MADISYN DAIGLE	6TH
ISABELLA DIMATTEO	7TH
AMAYA DOYLE	6TH
GIANNA FERRUCCI	7TH
SADIE GREAVES	8TH
AVA HANCOCK	6TH
GRETA HENNESSEY	7TH
AYVA HILL	6TH
BAILEY LICKI	7TH
JAVIER MARTINEZ	6TH

LEAH MARTINEZ	7TH
EMERSYN MAZZEI	8TH
MIA MEUCCI	8TH
ISABELLA MICHAUD	7TH
ALEXA MORIN	7TH
KYLIE NASS	6TH
ANASTASIA PAPARELLO	6TH
ANALIA PAULINO	6TH
KAMIL RUTKOWSKI	8TH
JAYDEN SPARKS	6TH
HENLEY THIBODEAU	6TH
ISLA THIBODEAU	7TH
TIFFANY THOMPSON	7TH
LEIANNA VANBEVEREN	7TH
PEYTON VANLEW	7TH



# 2023 Bristol Youth and Prevention Leaders Awards

<b>Organization:</b>	South Side School Community Club
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<b>Youth/Youth Group Name:</b>	South Side School Community Club
<b>Age or Grade Range (for groups):</b>	Grades 4 and 5
<b>Resident Parent/Guardian Name:</b>	
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> South Side School 21 Tuttle Road <b>City:</b> Bristol <b>State:</b> CT <b>Zip:</b> 06010
<b>Phone Number</b>	860-584-7812
<b>Other/Custodial Parent:</b>	
<b>Full Address</b>	
<b>Categories of Service (select all that apply):</b>	School Community
<b>Period of Time:</b>	September 2022- Current
<b>Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.</b>	<p>South Side Community Club is a leadership group for our 4th and 5th graders. The club meets 2-3 times per month under the volunteer leaders: Lisa Galske, Pat Zadrozny, Josephine Marino, Amanda Webster and Nicole Tabak (all school staff).</p> <p>The group planned and participated in the following school and community events:</p> <p>September 2022: Partnering with the Captain Connor Foundation - our Community Club co-hosted a community 'Relay for Life' helping raise over \$1,200 which will be used to support families undergoing Cancer treatment to help defray any medical or travel costs. On this</p>

special night current and former South Side families had the chance to remember Connor who lost his battle with cancer 5 years ago and raise money to support others going through a similar experience.

November 2022: Planning and hosting a Veteran's Day ceremony for our school. The club invited many local veterans to honor their services to our country. The hour long ceremony taught our students about the different branches of the military, recognized any family members who were veterans and integrated patriotic music for the school to enjoy.

December 2022: The community club held a school fundraiser inviting all families to donate to the Bristol Police Officers to support their healing process after losing two officers. The Community then delivered donuts, coffee and \$200 worth of gift cards for coffee to cheer up the officers as they are keeping our city safe during the cold winter months. The Club also visited the Fire Department and Post Officer to sing holiday songs and bring donuts and coffee to show our school's appreciation for all they do for the City of Bristol.

February 2023: Staff Appreciation - The Community Club arrived to school extra early to present individually written notes to all school staff and handed out breakfast treats to show their appreciation to our school staff. This was a much welcomed and appreciated gesture by our staff.

March 2023 - Bus Driver and Crossing Guard Appreciation - The Community Club arrived to school extra early to present individually written notes to all SSS bus drivers and crossing guards and handed out breakfast treats to show their appreciation for their efforts in helping our SSS students succeed every day.

May 2023 - In alignment with Earth Day, the Community Club will be sharing information about the importance of recycling and also cleaning our entire campus.

<b>Group Leader:</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Lisa <b>Last Name:</b> Galske
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<b>Please provide a list of all group members below:</b>	25 students in Grades 4 and 5.