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Collaborations for Collective Leadership

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One of the hallmarks of collective leadership is community support and buy-in for change. And what better illustration of that than a community and state-wide collaboration for positive development!

Youth Development Training and Resource Center, the [Innovation Center's](#) Learn & Serve partner in New Connecticut, is at the center of a statewide network of youth development professionals. And they're gathering even more community support for the service-learning work! YDTRC has recently brought a student intern on board to support the Learn & Serve project.

Elma Acosta, a freshman at the University of New Haven, joined the project this past month. As a graduate and former youth leader at Weaver High School in Hartford, Ms. Acosta is intimately familiar with the neighborhoods - their young people and their issues - involved in the Learn & Serve initiative through YDTRC. Throughout the course of the initiative she'll be working both in the field and at the YDTRC offices to support service-learning projects.

We see Ms. Acosta's work with YDTRC as a model of collective-leadership in action. We're excited to see how the community support will grow.

Activity of the Month: Defining "Youth" and "Adult"

The world collaboration often implies a group of different partners. Much of the work of the Connecticut collaboration involves bringing different groups together - and helping them understand their differences so that they can work together. This activity facilitates the coming together of two groups often thought of as very different: young people and adults. [Read more...](#)

Partner of the Month: Youth Development Training and Resource Center, New Haven, CT

[Youth Development Training and Resource Center](#) (YDTRC) in New Haven, Connecticut models collaboration at every level. The product of a partnership between two local organizations - Yale University's Consultation Center and New Haven's Citywide Youth Coalition - YDTRC now serves as a nexus of professionals, information, and support for a state-wide collaboration for youth development. And to top it off, YDTRC is orchestrating yet another collaboration: the network of sites, youth, and youth workers that are united in collective leadership and service-learning for the Innovation Center's Learn & Serve America initiative. [Read more...](#)



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