



SLS Trains New Leaders

Student Leadership Services, Inc. (SLS) develops young leaders who are creating social change. SLS is the umbrella organization of youth-led and school-based prevention organizations in Michigan. High school programs are: Students Leading Students. The middle schools are called: Students Taking A New Direction (STAND). Belonging Involving and Growing (Go BIG) is the elementary program.

SLS trains youth in leadership, peer influence and life skills through interactive, peer education programs. Groups focus on encouraging students to make healthy and safe life choices; increasing positive peer programs in schools and communities; and eliminating alcohol-related crashes, distracted and dangerous driving. SLS chapters plan comprehensive, participatory learning activities and programs that vary from drug-free to bully free skills, determined by a needs assessment with chapter leaders and the chapter advisor.

SLS develops training for elementary, middle school, high school, and college-aged youth. Programs include SLS Model Program, Peer Resistance Skills, Leadership Institute, Spokesperson Training, SLS Leadership Camp, Chapter Strategic Planning Retreats, STAND To Be Active, Prevention In Practice Advisor Training, seminars and annual state conferences. SLS provides training in leadership, organizational development, team building, communication, youth development, mentoring, assertiveness, message marketing, social competence, service learning, parent education, asset building and inclusiveness.

SLS provides educational programs, direction, support and training opportunities to more than 300 student-led chapters throughout the State of Michigan. Since its beginning in 1982, SLS has delivered peer-led models reaching both non-drinking and at-risk, alcohol using/experimenting youth with abstinence as our goal. Youth, advisor, and alumni membership exceeds 20,000 in Michigan. SLS is in the early stages of developing SLS chapters in India.

Mission Statement:

SLS is the establishment of student-led, adult-supported chapters across the state of Michigan that develop, select, and implement innovative and evidence-based prevention programs to ensure youth have opportunities to lead and contribute to a positive school and community climate that helps youth remain safe, healthy, and alcohol and drug free.

Vision Statement:

SLS youth promote health and safety.

Values:

SLS protects youth.
Every child is important.
Youth are the future.
One person can make a difference.
Youth influence youth.
Youth input is critical.