



Outcomes ...Since 1982

1. **2014 National Exemplary Award for Innovative Substance Abuse Prevention Programs, Practices, and Policies by NASADAD (National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors) and SAMHSA.**
2. **SAMHSA Building Evaluation Capacity for Evidence-Based Interventions Award 2012-2014.**
3. **SAMHSA Service to Science Award 2011-2012** from federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for “responsiveness to local needs, innovative approach, incorporation of practical experience, commitment to evaluation, and delivering effective youth programs.” SLS was nominated by the MI Bureau of Substance Abuse/Department of Community Health and Oakland County Office of Substance Abuse.
4. **Governor’s Traffic Safety Award for Long Term Achievement - 2012** presented by Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). SLS was nominated by Dickinson Wright Law Firm, Detroit office.
5. SLS 2005 Evaluation by HIGH/SCOPE Educational Research Foundation reported **SLS was “off the charts”- the best youth program in Michigan - out of 90 youth programs evaluated.** *Score 4.15 out of 5.*
6. Thirty-two years coordinating Michigan high school and middle school-based student-led chapters that focus on driving safety, leadership skills, respect for self and others, community service, peer education and healthy living.
7. SLS Model Program (since 2009) accepts 4-5 chapters annually to receive on-site trainings, advisor & project grants, and HIGH/SCOPE Youth Program Quality Assessment. Follow-up YPQA in subsequent years by SLS.
8. Twenty-nine high school three day State Conferences planned and delivered by teams of 5-22 high school students on the national award winning SLS State Student Advisory Board.
9. Awarded Citizens Insurance Grants (\$320,000.00 since 1999) to SLS chapters to support youth-led projects.
10. Nine state conferences for middle school STAND chapters; speeches, workshops, service and networking facilitated by SLS high school peer leaders.
11. Annually trained 500 high school students that teach 22,000 elementary students. (25-100 chapters with ten member peer educator teams) Curriculum lessons focus on refusal skills, leadership training, drug education, driving safety programs, and positive peer influence.
12. Collaborated with five Michigan SLS high school chapters that hosted one-day state conferences: “25th SLS Anniversary” Miles Across Michigan...” Project with student speeches, national speakers, workshops, community service, memorial, networking & dance. SLS Chapter hosts: Bentley, Cousino, Houghton Lake, Newaygo, and Vandercook Lake undertook one year of planning, training and preparation for each event.
13. Collaborated with national youth development and teen safety organizations: High/Scope Educational Research Foundation; H/S Institute for Ideas; National Safety Council; National Student Safety Program; Native Indian Tribal Youth; National Organization of Black Educators; National Teen Collaborative Conference.
14. Developed trainings, curricula, handbooks, and videos for advisors of school-based youth-led groups.
15. Engaged and trained 200 adult alumni volunteers that assist SLS with training, events, social media and web site management, consulting, and wherever their professional expertise will strengthen SLS.
16. Hosted four days International Teen Collaborative Conference in 2001 in Detroit for 360 students from 16 states. Focus was teen driving safety and peer leadership. SLS Partners: National Student Safety Program, Native Indian Tribal Youth, Arab-American Chaldean Council.
17. Planned four “Youth Leading Change” one-day events for middle and high school students, facilitated by high school students; including skill building activities, workshops, keynotes, health challenges, and fun.
18. SLS App and QR Code developed by Talayah Thornton, SLS Student Advisory Board, launched 2013.
19. Six Chapter Support Seminars annually developed by SAB 2012-2015 with **1.5 G Flash Drive of SLS material.**

High school “Students Leading Students” (SLS) and middle school “Students Taking A New Direction” (STAND) have been trained by SLS and participated in SLS conferences, rallies, camps, campaigns, trainings, grants, and have benefited from the guidance and materials provided by SLS since 1982. SLS is proven effective and evidence-based. SLS exceeds the requirements of the Common Core Standards, No Child Left Behind Act, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Programs, Character Education, health education, violence prevention, asset-based community and school development, Ready by 21, and health and safety programming and funding requirements for school-based curricula.