

## Student Leadership Services, Inc.

**(SLS)** is a non-profit corporation founded in Michigan in 1982 to provide youth-led health and safety programs based on youth development, drug prevention principles, and youth leadership practices in an integrated and comprehensive approach. The SLS guiding principle is that youth have a great capacity for influencing their peers in positive ways. Youth education, peer support, fun, leadership, safety skills and life skills are the focus of SLS Chapter activities.

*“SLS is a safe haven for students who want to make a change. In SLS my voice matters. SLS is a place where you can share your feelings or concerns, and someone listens... I understand the problems my friends face and I can do something about it. I can make a change.”*  
Matt Stocker, SAB 2012-2014



**The SLS 2016-2017 State Student Advisory Board (SAB)**

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## SLS Leadership Trainings

Accepting & Giving Feedback  
Active Listening and Communication  
Adolescent Development  
Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Education  
Assertiveness  
Asset Building  
Asset Based Community Projects  
Community Awareness  
Conflict Resolution  
Decision Making  
Delegating  
Distracted Driving Prevention  
Diversity  
Emerging Leadership

Empowerment vs. Power  
Energizing Your Group  
Fundraising & Grant Writing  
Healthy Choices  
Helping a Hurting Friend  
How to be a Great Advisor  
How to Run Meetings  
Implementing Service-Based Learning  
Leadership Styles  
Listening and Communication  
Marijuana, Inhalants, Prescription Drugs  
Marketing Skills  
Media Skills

Mentoring  
Outcome-based Prevention  
Parent Workshops  
Peer Mediation  
Peer Resistance Skills  
Peer to Peer Safe Driving Education  
Presentation Skills  
Positive Role Modeling  
Public Relations Skills  
Safety Awareness  
STAND To Be Active  
Team Building  
Teen Voice  
Violence Prevention/Bullying



# SLS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

*Changing thoughts.  
Challenging behaviors.*

**Students Leading Students received the  
NREPP Certification 2017**



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## STUDENT LEADERSHIP SERVICES, INC. (SLS) (est. 1982)

- Non-profit serving Michigan youth
- Student-led health & safety plans
- Grants to SLS member chapters
- Outcome-based & proven effective
- Youth leadership development
- Newsletter, handbooks, flash drives
- Conferences, trainings, events
- *1997 – Partner in Prevention Award*
- *2011-2012 - SAMHSA Service to Science Award*
- *2013-2014 - SAMHSA Service to Science Award - Building Evaluation Capacity for Evidence-Based Programs*
- *2014- NASADAD Award*
- *2017-NREPP Certification*



85,000 Michigan youth impacted annually.

86% of youth build new skills in SLS programs.

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## STUDENTS TAKING A NEW DIRECTION (STAND) Grades 6-8

- Leadership skill development
- Community service
- Parent education/co-advisors
- Drug-free social activities
- Personal safety awareness
- *1993 – Exemplary Program, MI Office of Drug Control Policy*
- *1999 - National Safety Council Award*
- *2005 - HIGH/SCOPE Educational Research Foundation “Best Youth Program in State”*

94% can “say no and still keep my friends.”

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## STUDENTS LEADING STUDENTS Grades 9-12

- Safe driving behaviors
- Alcohol and other drug prevention
- Bullying & suicide prevention
- Leadership training
- Peer Resistance Skills
- Community service
- *1998 – National Safety Council 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award of Commendation, Community Safety*
- *1998 – National Safety Council Youth Award*
- *2005 - HIGH/SCOPE Educational Research Foundation “Best in State”*
- *2014- NASADAD Award*
- *2017-NREPP Certification*



SLS provided more than 100 consulting visits annually.

94% of SLS youth report ability to resist peer pressure.

96% report SLS as a positive influence in their lives & provides opportunities to help others.

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## STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD (SAB) Grades 9-12 (est. 1986)

- Drug-free SLS spokespersons
- Trained Facilitators
- Develop peer strategies
- National and state opportunities
- Media contacts
- *1996 – National Safety Council Gold Honor*
- *1996 – Michigan Prevention Org of the Year*
- *2000 – National Safety Council Award*
- *2002 & 2003 National Conference Committees & Presenters*
- *2013 SLS App launched*

Train 300 -1,000 youth annually in leadership and positive peer influence.

Hosted 51 state conferences & 125 state events since 1986.

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## ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

- SLS Board of Directors
- SLS young professionals
- Speakers & trainers
- Social media consultants
- Conferences & events staff
- Donors
- Student of the Year Scholarship
- *1997 - National Safety Council Gold Honor*
- *2003, 2005, 2006 - Prudential Foundation Cares Volunteer Award*
- *1996-2013 SLS Lifetime Achievement*

Web developer & web sponsor (est.1994) is SLS alumna.

2000 alumni volunteer hours annually contributed to SLS.

Alumni are parents of SLS and STAND Chapter members.

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## CITIZENS INSURANCE GRANT PROGRAM (since 1999)

- Financial support for SLS Chapters
- Mini-grants of \$250, \$500, and \$1000 to qualifying SLS groups
- For trainings, conferences, student developed programs, speakers, and community service projects
- Citizens Insurance Allmerica Financial Grant Program has awarded \$300,000. in grants to SLS high school chapters
- *Annual “Outstanding Grant Project Award”*

30-50 Michigan chapters annually awarded grants.

100% of the grants support prevention in the local community.