



STUDENTS LEADING STUDENTS FACT SHEET

“Empowering the youth of today to become the leaders of tomorrow”...since 1982

- Student Leadership Services, Inc. (SLS) is the largest youth leadership program with a prevention focus in Michigan. Chapters are named “Students Leading Students” in 300 Michigan high schools; and “STAND” in 75 middle schools.
- SLS coordinates grassroots, student-led organizations committed to healthy decision making, positive peer influence and safety. SLS trains faculty advisors who guide the students.
- Activities focus on leadership development, drug and alcohol awareness, resistance skills, personal safety, peer education, service learning experiences, safety belt use, safe driving, and community/environmental awareness. Chapters develop, become effective and comprehensive safety groups. Support curricula, handbooks and trainings are developed and disseminated by SLS.
- Student Leadership Services, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit supported by memberships, corporate sponsors, private donations, grants and fees for service. Student Leadership Services, Inc. is independent of any national organization. All support stays in Michigan.
- The Student Advisory Board is 5-15 leaders from SLS Model Chapters who commit to six months of service.
- SLS offers an annual youth-led statewide conference - since 1986.
- SLS trained 15,300 high school students to present the “Peer Resistance Skills” curriculum. More than 260,300 fifth and sixth graders learned to say “NO” to alcohol; tobacco and other drugs from SLS students since 1986. SLS trains “STAND To Be Active” high school students to deliver three interactive curriculum lessons on Substance Abuse, Bullying and Health to middle school youth.
- The SLS newsletter is published four times annually and mailed to all Michigan high schools, middle schools and other interested individuals throughout the state and nation. The newsletter is posted on www.slsToday.org.
- Regional leadership seminars, trainings and networks for Student Leadership Services, Inc. high school chapters are coordinated by SLS, the SLS Student Advisory Board, and SLS Student of the Year.
- Student Leadership Services, Inc. and SLS high school chapters develop public service messages to encourage drug-free lifestyles and safe and sober driving. Messages are presented through local newspapers, radio, television, roadside posters and billboards.
- Ford Driving Skills for Life at www.drivingskillsforlife.com and SLS sponsor contests, driving events, and chapter challenges to support student led safe driving programs in Michigan.
- Citizens Insurance Allmerica Financial and SLS offer grants to chapters to support youth led safety education in Michigan schools. Citizens Insurance has awarded \$260,000. to Michigan chapters since 1999.

AWARDS

- *Office of Drug Control Policy 1996 selected SLS Michigan Exemplary Drug Prevention Program.*
- *Prevention Organization Award 1996 from the Michigan Prevention Association*
- *National Safety Council Award of Honor – Youth Division 1996 to the SLS Student Advisory Board.*
- *National Safety Council Award of Commendation -Community Division 1998 to SLS.*
- *High/Scope Educational Research Foundation & Youth Program Quality Assessment awarded SLS Best of 90 MI Youth Programs 2006.*
- *25th Anniversary (2007-2008) Five State Conferences at Newaygo, Cousino, Bentley, Vandercook Lake and Houghton Lake High Schools*
- *2012 Governor’s Traffic Safety Award for Long Term Achievement awarded by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning*
- *2011-2012 Service To Science Award from federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)*

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