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(Editor's note: this edition includes updates since mid-Jan.)

#WorkShouldntHurt

Workplace violence "is not part of the job" was the message union members, labor leaders and workers' safety advocates delivered in January at the first "Shatter the Silence" conference. [Click here for photos of the event sponsored by the Connecticut AFL-CIO and ConnectiCOSH.](#)

RNs Go to Washington

Danbury Hospital nurses in January traveled to the nation's capitol to advocate against a proposal that threatens employer-provided healthcare benefits. [Click here to learn more about union members' efforts to block changes to "full-time" qualifications under the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\).](#)

Heard at the State Capitol

Over 100 educators, healthcare professionals, higher education faculty, public employees, and retirees turned-out in February for AFT Connecticut's annual legislative conference. [Click here for photos of state political leaders engaging with union members on the issues that matter.](#)

Safe Staffing Saves Lives

Nurses and healthcare professionals from several local unions in February told state lawmakers why they should require greater transparency in reporting of hospital staffing levels. [Click here for photos of their direct advocacy to the General Assembly's Public Health Committee.](#)

["Shatter the Silence"
Healthcare Workplace Violence
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Scaling Up CTE

AFT Connecticut's Public Employees Council Chair in February told federal lawmakers that "accountability" should include the unique opportunities career and technical education (CTE) provides students. [Click here to learn more about the Congressional briefing and our union's support for the Career Ready Act of 2015.](#)

Teachers Team Up to Win

New Haven Teachers in February united with their community to move the Board of Education to drop a controversial plan for privatization of their public schools. [Click here for a brief video showing how union members, parents, students, and advocates beat back charter industry lobbyists.](#)

Charters' Double Standard

AFT Connecticut leaders earlier this month told the legislature's Education Committee that outside charter management organizations (CMOs) should not operate under "separate sets of rules." [Click here to learn more about efforts to require greater transparency for CMOs that receive public dollars.](#)

Mobilizing the Community

Waterford Teachers earlier this month rallied residents to urge the Board of Education to re-think a lucrative and unethical contract for the interim superintendent of schools. [Click here to watch how union members gave voice to the community and held school officials accountable.](#)

Fighting for Equity for All

AFT member educators are urging Congress to live up to the promise of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) during deliberations over the law's reauthorization. [Click here to learn more about union members' latest grassroots engagement with Connecticut's federal lawmakers.](#)

Literacy for Families

Norwalk Teachers for more than a year have piloted a program to help parents with "practical guides" to be strong partners in their children's early education. [Click here to learn more about union members' literacy efforts which are gaining statewide and national recognition.](#)