



Affiliated Union Members - here is your September, 2017 e-newsletter (with updates since early August):

[Amplifying Our "Labor is Your Neighbor" Message](#)

A diverse cross-section of the state's labor movement came together in early September for the Connecticut AFL-CIO's annual Labor Day breakfast. [Click here for a photo from the event, where the focus was on union member candidates seeking local office.](#)

[Sharing the Value of a "Support Network" with New Members](#)

Local union leaders negotiated the ability to provide a comprehensive labor orientation for new employees at L+M Hospital in New London. [Click here to watch them share why their colleagues should "take full advantage" of the power in being organized.](#)

[Paraeducators Honored at "Back to School" Ceremony](#)

PSRP union members in late August took time for professional learning and recognizing their colleagues before students returned to Hartford Public Schools' classrooms. [Click here for photos of the event, which included the district's 2017 "Paraeducator of the Year" awards presentation.](#)

[Union Members in the Spotlight](#)

For National Health Center Week, we highlighted a medical aide whose support of primary care services demonstrates the value of community-based health clinics. [Click here to meet a healthcare union member who helps provide a "source of comfort" for her community.](#)

[Uniting with Allies to Demand Justice for Students](#)

Teachers in mid August joined parents and administrators at the education commissioner's annual "back to school" forum to urge investment in Connecticut's public schools. [Click here for a report-back on the event where union members called for a "fair share" state budget.](#)

[Hard-Fought Victory for a Community's Caregivers](#)

The medical and dental assistants at Hartford-based Community Health Services (CHS) in mid August ratified their first collective bargaining agreement with their employer. [Click here for photos of union members casting their ballots after their year-long fight to win higher wages.](#)

[Defending Union Members' Negotiating Rights](#)

After ratifying agreements to protect their jobs and benefits, state workers moved politicians to respect the power of collective bargaining to solve problems. [Click here to watch public employee union members share why they demanded legislators resist attacks on their fundamental rights.](#)

[Connecticut Teachers Take Center Stage at National Conference](#)

Two local PreK-12 union leaders this summer played prominent roles in Washington, D.C. during AFT's biennial TEACH (Together Educating America's Children) conference for educators. [Click here for a report-back on their presentations, which demonstrated our collective commitment to social justice and collaboration.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- September 12: [Municipal Primary Election Day](#)
- September 16: [PreK-12 Teachers' Pre-Retirement Seminar](#)
- September 25: [Workplace Violence Prevention for Healthcare Workers](#)
- October 4 - 6: [Connecticut AFL-CIO 2017 Constitutional Convention](#)
- October 5: [United Labor Agency Reception & "Labor of Love" Fundraiser](#)
- October 25: [AFT Connecticut Retirees Conference](#)
- October 27: [ConnectiCOSH 2017 Health & Safety Convention](#)
- November 1: [#UnionProud Campaign Social Media Share](#)

Featured Benefit

- AFT +: [Death & Dismemberment Insurance](#)

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