



# 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

## LEARNING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### JAN - FEB TRAININGS

**The Importance of a Growth Mindset:** Thursday, January 19 • 5:30 - 7:00pm

A growth mindset allows children and youth to grow and learn, even when they face obstacles. Tools for youth ministry leaders to instill this growth mindset will be shared.

**Intimate Partner Violence:** Thursday, February 2 • 9:30 - 11:00am

Approximately 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men have experienced emotional/psychological abuse, sexual/physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime. Learn the signs and symptoms and how to help.

**Mental Illness, Homelessness and Addiction:** Thursday, February 16 • 9:30 - 11:00am

Leaders will be equipped to support guests struggling with mental illness, homeless, and addiction and connect them to programs that increase their life stability.

**Making Effective Referrals:** Thursday, March 16th • 9:30 - 11:00am

One program cannot meet every need. This training highlights community programs that help with food, housing, mental health, youth and seniors, legal services, and reentry. Learn best-practices for making referrals.

**Volunteer Engagement and Retention:** Wednesday, April 19 • 9:30 - 11:00am

Volunteers enable non profits to deliver vital community programs. This training will equip ministry leaders to effectively recruit, screen, match and retain high quality volunteers.

**Five Behaviors of an Effective Team:** Thursday, May 4 • 9:30 - 11:30am

Build trust, strengthen your team, and transform culture in your ministry. Learn about the Five Behaviors model, including strategies that empower leaders to communicate effectively and transform team culture.

**Mentoring to Transform Lives:** Thursday, June 22 • 5:30 - 8:00pm

Mentoring relationships encourage and empower personal development. Learn the key ingredients of an effective mentoring relationship as well as mentor qualities that lead to the greatest impact.

### MAR - JUN 5-C TRAININGS

### JUL - AUG SITE VISITS

**Friday, Date TBD • 9:30 - 11:00am: Family Services**

ABC Pregnancy Center, Middletown CT

**Thursday, Date TBD • 9:30 - 11:00am: Food Pantry**

The Bridge, South Windsor CT

**Thursday, Date TBD • 9:30 - 11:00am: Addiction Services**

Youth Challenge, Hartford CT

### What is a Site Visit?

Site visits take place at a UA program partner site. They provide an opportunity for program leaders to tour the partner facility, network, fellowship, share, and learn more about each other as they engage in dialogue and share best practices.

### SEP - DEC TRAININGS

**Supporting People with Disabilities:** Thursday, September 14 • 9:30 - 11:00am

Representatives from Joni and Friends and Special Touch Ministries will share practical strategies for churches as they seek to include and support people with disabilities.

**GenNow! Youth Summit:** Saturday, September 23 • 9:00 - 12:30pm

Youth and adult leaders are invited to come together to worship, learn, and build relationship. We will explore ways adults and youth can partner to promote healthy relationships in children and youth programs.

**Understanding and Promoting CT Benefit Programs:** Thursday, December 7 • 9:30 - 11:00am

Learn about a network of CT programs that coordinate services to address food insecurity. Information on each program, including enrollment and strategies for your program outreach will be shared.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **UNITE: Pastors Lunch**

Thursday, April 27 • 11:45am - 1:15pm

Join us as we celebrate the impact of the UA network.

### **Freedom Prayer Training**

March 24-25 • Fri + Sat

Freedom Prayer is a “first responder” ministry, that equips individuals to prayerfully examine issues that hinder their ability to be emotionally and spiritually healthy and whole as God intended.

### **Leadership Training: DISC for Pastors**

Thursday, May 25 • 9:30am - 12:30pm (for pastors only)

Based on a proven model of leadership - Vision, Alignment, and Execution - Everything DiSC Work of Leaders uncovers your unique leadership style and adapts it to provide a clear, actionable path to more effective leadership. (limited capacity)

### **Food (Grocery) Distribution Events (Monthly)**

Join us as we address food insecurity by providing free groceries and resources to community residents.

## OUTREACH DAY

### **What is the Outreach Day?**

Outreach Day is an Annual city-wide outreach in the Hartford community where UA and our partners share information about community and ministry programs that serve residents. This is an opportunity to meet practical, emotional and spiritual needs!

### **Community Outreach Day Orientation**

Thursday, March 9 • 5:30 - 7:00pm

This orientation will provide everything your church needs to participate in the Outreach Day.

### **Community Outreach Day Packing Party**

Friday, May 19 • 5:30 - 7:30pm

Help us prepare resource bags for Hartford residents. Each bag contains information about community resources, local churches and tracts.

### **Community Outreach Day**

Saturday, June 10 • 9:30am - 2:00pm

Share information, prayer and the love of Christ with Hartford residents.

## RECURRING GATHERINGS: SPECIALIZED COHORTS

### **Monthly Professional Counselor Peer Consultation**

First Friday of the month | 11:45am - 1:15pm  
(no meetings July or August)

### **Coaches & Mentors Peer Support**

2nd Wednesday, quarterly | 9:30 - 10:30am  
(1/11, 4/12, 10/11)

### **Quarterly Prayer Ministry Leaders**

Third Friday of the month | 11:45am - 1:15pm  
(1/20, 3/24 & 25, 6/16, 10/20)

### **Micah Group**

Second Thursday of the month | 11:45pm - 2:00pm  
(no meetings July or August)

## UNITED PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### **HRC's Unity Service: United Prayer & Worship Event**

Friday, January 13 • 7:00 - 9:00pm  
House of Restoration Church (Hartford, CT)

### **ARISE: United Prayer & Worship Event**

Thursday, April 27 • 7:00 - 9:00pm  
Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport (Windsor, CT)

### **ARISE: United Prayer & Worship Event**

Friday April 28 • 7:00 - 9:00pm  
Holiday Inn (Norwich, CT)

### **Impact CT: 10 Days of Prayer**

September 15-25 (7:00pm services daily)  
Various Locations

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION & LINKS

### **UA Network Resources:**

[www.urbanalliance.com/ua-network-resources/](http://www.urbanalliance.com/ua-network-resources/)

### **UA Resource Library:**

[www.urbanalliance.com/resource-library](http://www.urbanalliance.com/resource-library)

### **Program Development Opportunities (PDO) Catalog:**

[www.urbanalliance.com/program-development-opportunities](http://www.urbanalliance.com/program-development-opportunities)

### **UA Grant Applications:**

[www.urbanalliance.com/grants](http://www.urbanalliance.com/grants)

### **Toolkit and Printed Materials Request:**

[www.urbanalliance.com/toolkits](http://www.urbanalliance.com/toolkits)

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