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**FIVE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS JOIN
STAMFORD YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE**

STAMFORD, CT/April 18, 2024 - The Stamford Youth Mental Health Alliance (SYMHA) has recently welcomed five community organizations to its growing roster of partners. These new partners include **Silver Hill Hospital, Stamford Pride, Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI), Schoke Jewish Family Service of Fairfield County** and **Yale School of Medicine**, bringing the total number of organizations involved in the collaborative to 35.

"It is remarkable to have all of these clinical and community service organizations join together for such an important effort - to increase access to mental health resources for our kids," said Vin Tufo, Chief Executive Officer of Charter Oak Communities and co-chair of SYMHA. "We are excited to partner with Silver Hill and these other outstanding organizations to expand the network of resources available to Stamford families."

- Based in New Canaan, Silver Hill Hospital is a private, not-for-profit psychiatric hospital offering inpatient, residential, and outpatient levels of care.
- Stamford Pride is a model of support, advocacy and inclusivity for the LGBTQIA+ community and its allies within Fairfield County, regardless of age, gender or sexuality.
- PLTI enables parents to become leading advocates for children, to improve their lifelong health, safety and learning.
- Schoke Jewish Family Service of Fairfield County sustains families and individuals through all life's challenges and builds strong, healthy communities.
- Psychologists at the Yale School of Medicine include experts who are partnering with Stamford schools to improve the behavioral health of our children.

Stamford Youth Mental Health Alliance is a city-wide network of 35+ organizations working together to improve access to mental health services for children and adolescents. The goal of their collective effort is to build a greater understanding of the importance of youth mental wellness, ensure care is accessible and inclusive, and facilitate a comprehensive system of intervention and support for families across our community. For more information, visit www.stamfordyouthmentalhealthalliance.org.

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