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Learning Module Week 13: Partnerships and Collaboration

For this week's class, we recommend inviting a leader in the area who is leading a significant partnership and who can speak about career development matters. It is also helpful for the leader to speak about board membership opportunities and the possibilities that those opportunities hold for increasing one's social capital.

Suggested Reading:

- "Nonprofit Collaborations: Why Teaming Up Can Make Sense" by Geri Stengel (April 2013) in *Forbes*
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/geristengel/2013/04/09/nonprofit-collaborations-why-teaming-up-can-make-sense/>
- "Budget Cuts, Changes Worry Art Leaders" by Frank Rizzo (February 2015) in *The Hartford Courant*.
<http://www.courant.com/politics/hc-arts-reaction-to-malloy-budget-20150219-story.html>
- "Building Culture: The Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition is Getting to Work" by Mary Jane Fine (November 2014)* <https://culturesect.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/sectnov14c.pdf>

*For this session we invite civic leader Wendy Bury, Executive Director of the Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition, to speak. Wendy's focus is creating partnerships between area agencies. Oftentimes, an area will have similar agencies that provide services that overlap. With that in mind, it is helpful for agencies to realize the ways in which they can partner to avoid *reinventing the wheel* and creating a sense of camaraderie instead of competition.

Note: Please assign readings to introduce the invited speaker and his or her organization. This way participants become familiar with the speaker ahead of time and can prepare talking points and questions for discussion.