

## **Stand Together project presentation and recognition**

On May 8 and 10, more than 200 students from twelve Allegheny County schools were recognized for their outstanding work on projects they completed while participating in “Stand Together,” an educational campaign created by Allegheny County Department of Human Services to reduce the stigma of mental illness toward peers. Students presented images, posters and projects that they created to deliver the anti-stigma message to fellow students throughout the 2017-2018 school year. A video of this year's projects is available at <https://vimeo.com/266687757>.

Participating schools were Allderdice High School (PPS), Arsenal Middle School (PPS), Environmental Charter School, Linton Middle School (Penn Hills), Propel-Braddock Hills High School, Propel-Braddock Hills Middle School, Science & Technology Academy (PPS), Shaler Area High School, Steel Valley Middle School, West Allegheny High School, West Mifflin Area High School and West Mifflin Area Middle School.

Allegheny County Department of Human Services has been honored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) with a 2017 “Best in Category” Achievement Award for Stand Together. The honor also grants Stand Together inclusion in NACo’s list of “100 Brilliant Ideas,” recognizing innovations from around the country.

To learn more about Stand Together, visit <http://standtogether.againststigma.org>.