

Acknowledgements

The CT Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity (CWCSEO) is proud to support the important work of Composer Jill Nesi who has written a unique musical that reaches both students and adults who wrestle with the questions, “How can we help students understand the impact of bullying?” and, “How can we make our schools socially, emotionally, and physically safe places for all students?”

As well as Robin Fox’s groundbreaking work that combines therapeutic improv theater exercises, mindfulness, and cognitive awareness. The program, aligned with the CASEL core competencies, invites students and educators to approach the work from the lens of spreading kindness. Her positive energy and approach have inspired many educators to adopt her curriculum, SocialEyes Together®, to foster the social and emotional growth of students across Connecticut.



Jill Nesi, a Composer-Producer-Writer has been a professional song writer for nearly two decades. Four time, Emmy-nominated Jill Nesi is a self-taught musician, who has been writing music her entire life. She has written numerous theme songs and jingles for a variety of organizations and clients, with some of her work appearing on television in both Connecticut (CPTV) and Atlanta, Georgia. Motivated by the growing obesity epidemic, Nesi used her talents to produce/creation The Vita 4: an animated fitness and nutrition rock group for children. standupspeakoutct.com.

Jill understands that far too often, our youth feel excluded and disconnected from their peers, schools, and communities, which has led to increased mental health illness and suicide rates. Jill is currently producing a series of short films that she hopes to share with the state of Connecticut to address these issues. Here's a little sneak peek at those amazing films: [Film Trailer](#).



Robin Fox M.Ed., an award-winning Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) educator, lifelong meditator, and professional improv actor, has worked in private and public schools, K-12, as a special educator, professional trainer, and consultant for over forty years. She is passionate about helping others become joyful and empowered humans. Her SEL curriculum, SocialEyes Together® transforms children’s lives to walk forward into their future with self-confidence, compassion, and resilience. Robin is a member of the Connecticut Social and Emotional Collaborative. www.social-eyes.org.

Robin as one of the authors of our enrichment guides is working with Jill Nesi to create activities to accompany her short films.