

# LaSalle School

Celebrating 160 Years in 2014

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This accelerated transformation cohort program will support change in organizational policy, practice / service philosophy, budget / financial modeling, program / service array, culture and change management, staffing / workforce, and partnerships and Community Connections.

The Alliance Residential Learning Cohort is made possible through generous support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Go to [www.lasalle-school.org](http://www.lasalle-school.org) to learn more about the Alliance Residential Learning Cohort >>



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## New look for LaSalle School website and eNewsletter

LaSalle has been working on developing a new web site that optimizes search engines, puts programs and services directly onto the home page, and is responsive to viewers wishing to apply for positions, make donations, and learn more about LaSalle and the latest treatment techniques by video / blog.

Individual program pages will have links allowing viewers to drill deeper for detailed referral, parent, and youth information directly from those pages. New to the site is a listing of key agency and clinical staff, a news and knowledge menu with educational videos including ACEs symposium presentations, timely blog information, and secure board login easily accessible at the top of the home page. LaSalle also revised for this new site is our virtual tour.

The domain name will not change. It will continue to be [www.lasalle-school.org](http://www.lasalle-school.org). If you have a question about the site (or would like to comment), please feel free to do so by going to the online section reserved especially for you to do this. We expect the site to launch on Friday, August 22nd. In September, our eNews will also take on a ‘new look.’

## Summer culinary education focuses on sustainable food and farming

This summer, culinary students at La Salle are learning the foundation and purpose of building self-reliant communities, are being encouraged to take a personal role in their own career and character development, build a sense of purpose and pride in what they can do, and provide culinary classes and kitchens at LaSalle with fresh produce as a result of their labors. The expectation is that students will transfer skills and knowledge learned in the living farm classroom to their work at LaSalle. More to come in our September eNewsletter.

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Additionally, the Alliance wants to help leaders of LaSalle and all participating organizations with residential-based services to achieve the following outcomes through participation in this program:

- Produce durable, positive outcomes for children, adolescents and families
- Be recognized as an effective and crucial partner in home and community-based systems of care
- Diversify their funding base
- Diversify their service offerings
- Adopt or strengthen a family perspective
- Fully integrate residential services with community based services and supports
- Develop a trauma-informed approach

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LaSalle and all participating organizations will have access to the following supports:

- Critical skill sets necessary to lead transformational change,
- Diverse organizational models for achieving durable family stability results presented by experienced peer faculty who have led (and continue to lead) transformational change in their organizations and with residential services,
- Group learning opportunities, both in-person and via teleconference,
- Coaching and mentoring by a team of highly experienced peer faculty members, including monthly access to peer faculty member via teleconference and email check-ins and consultations,
- Guided support in development of customized organizational transformation plan,
- Engagement of board leadership to facilitate strategic alignment at the governance level to support organizational change, and
- Access to an online community for project participants, staff, peer faculty and project facilitator for dialogue and information and resource sharing.

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