



**NEWTOWN
CONNECTION**
SPORTS | HEALTH | EDUCATION

*Imagination shared creates collaboration
Collaboration creates community
Community inspires social change*

- Terry Tempest Williams



The Center for Healing and Justice through Sport (CHJS) works with organizations that are serious about increasing their social impact through sport, and focuses on three content areas: sports-based youth development, trauma-informed sport, and girls in sport.

In CHJS, **Newtown Connection** saw an ideal partner for helping to guide not just our program participants, but also the mentors who will coach them. In partnership with CHJS, Newtown Connection's coaches will promote

character development and an **active lifestyle** – instilling the values of **leadership, accountability, teamwork,** and the **pursuit of excellence.**

Kids who experience overwhelming stress or trauma have unique challenges that often aren't recognized within the sport experience. Therefore, it is imperative that all sports coaches and sports program leaders understand the ways in which exposure to trauma can change a person's brain and impact their behavior. Sport is uniquely suited to help kids who have experienced trauma to heal, because it inherently combines physical activity, relationships, structure, and competence building.

We are proud to have CHJS as one of our founding partners at Newtown Connection.

For more information, visit their website at www.chjs.org.

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