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Take Charge of Your Journey!

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2013 Michigan Teen Conference • Wed-Thurs • June 19-20

This special conference is for youth ages 14-21 preparing to exit foster care, their caregivers and the professionals who work with them.

Wednesday-Thursday **June 19-20, 2013** at
Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI

**Help promote this event with foster youth
and be pro-active: secure funding now!**

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Use registration form to calculate cost for your funding request.**

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2013 Michigan Teen Conference

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Do you know a youth in **Foster Care or Independent Living** who needs to learn about money management, employment, educational opportunities, healthy relationships, or housing? If you do, then help them pre-register for the **2013 Michigan Teen Conference**.

Youth must be ages 14 to 21 and in Foster Care or Independent Living. If attendees are under the age of 18, a chaperone **MUST** attend the conference with them and accompany them at all times. Caretakers of the youth and professionals who work with teens are also invited. Attendees will sharpen their understanding of what is available and required for foster youth to make the challenging transition to adult life.

What attendees have said about the Teen Conference:

"The keynote speaker was inspirational ...amazing...very spiritual."

What I liked best about the Teen Conference:

- Talking to people who want to help us
- Meeting other kids
- Variety of speakers
- Useful information
- Everything
- Activities

See Frequently Asked Questions in this brochure!



Preliminary Schedule (subject to updates)

Tues., June 18	5:00 – 6:30 PM	Dinner available
	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Early check-in
	6:00 – 10:00 PM	Recreation/entertainment options
Wed., June 19	7:00 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
	9:00 – 10:30 AM	Registration
	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Opening remarks & keynote
	12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
	1:00 – 2:00 PM	Workshop A
	2:00 – 2:15 PM	Break
	2:15 – 3:15 PM	Workshop B
	3:45 – 4:45 PM	Ferris State U. campus tour
	5:00 – 6:30 PM	Dinner
6:00 – 11:00 PM	Recreation/entertainment options	
Thurs., June 20	7:30 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast
	9:15 – 10:30 AM	General session
	10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break
	10:45 – 11:45 AM	Workshop C
	12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Walk through Life
	3:00 – 4:00 PM	Closing & gift giveaway

Workshops will feature topics such as:

- Budgeting/money management (beginner & advanced)
- College supportive programs (youth panel)
- Funding resources (ETV, YIT)
- Goal setting
- Housing
- Job search/employment
- Legal rights of youth in care (beginner & advanced)
- Relationships/partnering with workers and caregivers
- Self advocacy
- Social media
- Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care
- Youth empowerment and resilience

In addition, a special **Walk through Life** will feature numerous life stations to visit and resources to grab at this fun, interactive two-hour session. It is a chance for youth to put into practice many of the life skills they acquired during the conference. Stations will include:

- Education
- Employment
- Finances
- Housing
- Identification
- Transportation



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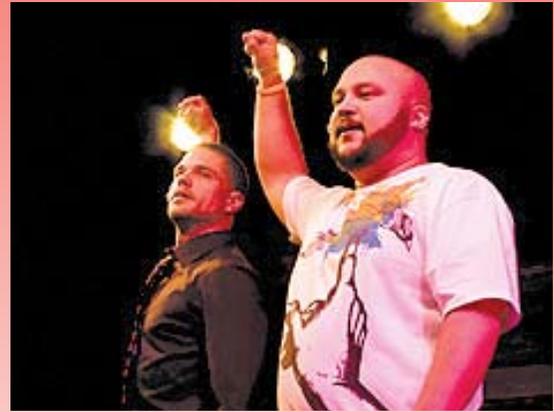
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Wednesday keynote presentation by

Kinetic Affect

The Kinetic Affect combines the past experiences and powerful voices of two men from different walks of life. Although both at first had fiercely competed against each other on the stage, **Gabriel Giron** and **Kirk Latimer** later joined their voices to create an entirely new spoken word poetry experience...a bond that would prove to be more powerful than either one had ever expected.



Since then, they have performed for a variety of local, regional and national organizations and audiences, conducting youth workshops, benefit performances, and participating in kick-offs, awareness raisers, and fund-raisers. Their partnership as Kinetic Affect, LLC, was formalized in the summer of 2007.

Gabriel's Latino background and hip-hop influences collide on stage with Kirk's Native American heritage and academic nature in a way never seen before. And regardless of their apparent differences, they had discovered surprising similarities, not only in the power of their combined voices, but also in the impact of their unique and tumultuous histories. Their stories prove that success is not determined by how high a man climbs, but by how high he bounces once he hits bottom.

Giron and Latimer are committed to challenging beliefs, pushing boundaries, embracing differences, and—together—they seek to increase awareness of local and global issues.

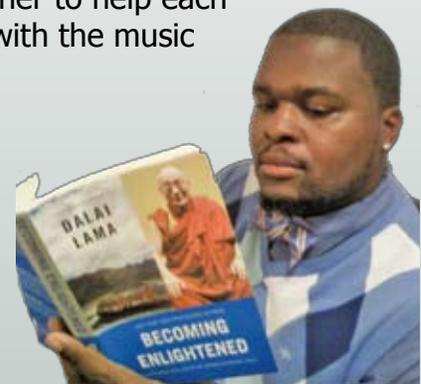
The Kinetic Affect reminds us all that life is not a race against anyone but yourself.

Thursday general session

“The Music on the Elevator to the Top”

How do you get on the elevator? And once on the elevator, what floor are you getting off on? What does the music sound like? Who will be assisting you? Ever wondered what the top suite looks like? These are some of the things that will be addressed in the general session on Thursday...the idea of people working together to help each other get on and off the elevator of life at their desired stops, with the music they choose.

Guest presenter **Reco Spencer** spent 18 years in foster care. He understands the low expectations that sometimes come from the behaviors and mouths of those who work within systems with foster youth. Reco also understands the low expectations that come from the environments foster youth come from. Finally, he understands the lack of motivation and desire and low expectations foster youth develop because of all these circumstances. Reco now works to assist youth in re-acquiring their dreams, desires and motivation to succeed in life.



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Workshop A descriptions

Wed., June 19, 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Self-Advocacy; How to Make Sure YOUR Voice Is Heard

Are you interested in learning ways to make **YOUR** voice heard? Do you want to gain knowledge about how to advocate for **YOURSELF**? Come join this interactive workshop regarding self-advocacy and its importance for every youth in care.

Presenter **Nichole** entered Michigan's foster care system at age 12. After experiencing abuse, neglect and multiple placements, she has decided to turn her negative experiences into something positive. Using her own experiences to advocate for youth in care, she hopes to one day have the opportunity to help foster youth transition successfully into adulthood. Nichole is a junior at Western Michigan University, a Seita Scholar, and Michigan's 2012 FosterClub All-Star.

Presenter **Brittney** is a junior at Western Michigan University, majoring in social work. She is also a Seita Scholar and is a student researcher with Fostering Success Michigan. At the age of 14, Brittney became a ward of the state of Michigan. Due to the difficulties she experienced in foster care, Brittney decided that she would dedicate her career to helping and advocating on behalf of other youth and alumni from foster care.

Youth Friendly Budgeting 101

This session will collaborate with a local credit union to provide youth with the basic skills and understanding for healthy financial decisions. Training will use hands-on lessons and techniques to illustrate benefits of saving for the future.

Presenter **Selene Wadhawan** has worked for the Department of Human Services for the past 13 years in both urban and rural counties. She has directly served local Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative (MYOI) youth for the past seven years as the MYOI coordinator. Selene currently works as a services supervisor and MYOI supervisor for Isabella and Midland counties and teaches at Central Michigan University.

Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Program

This workshop will provide an overview of Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care (YAVFC). Come learn who is eligible, what the program requirements are, and how this program might benefit you as you move from foster care to adulthood.

Presenter **Kathonya Triplett** has been with the Department of Human Services for eight years. With experience in CPS, foster care, juvenile justice and adoption, she is currently the manager of the Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Program.

Student Rights & Preparing for Your Legal Future 101

Students interested in learning about their legal rights will want to attend this informative session. The presenter will focus on issues that frequently come up in the public school setting such as bullying, discipline, Internet use, free speech and other hot topics.

Presenter **Christine Piatkowski** is an Attorney at Law in Brighton, MI. She is licensed to practice law in Michigan and Illinois. Ms. Piatkowski has her own general practice law firm that includes concentration in the areas of school law, juvenile law and disability law matters. She has extensive experience in representing schools, parents, children, and individuals with disabilities in a variety of forums. Ms. Piatkowski is a frequent presenter and trainer at school and juvenile law seminars. She has been the chairperson and officer of several children's law committees, including committees of the Oakland County Bar Association, the Macomb County Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan.

Presenter **DeLois T. Leapheart** began practicing law in 1982 in the State of Indiana and in 1983 in the State of Michigan. She is the founder of both the law firm DeLois T. Leapheart PC and a separate nonprofit agency called Adoption Option Inc. She has taught as a professor at Northwood University since 1992. She also is director of Northwood's Mock Trial program, which won the 2009 National Mock Trial Championship.

Goal Setting: Where Do You See Yourself?

We all want something good for our lives, but how do we get there? How do we create goals and actually follow through on them? At this workshop, we will discuss our dreams and how to take steps toward them in a realistic and practical way.

Presenter **Erin Sweeney** currently works at Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids, MI, where she has worked with youth aging out of foster care for over four years. She has lived in Grand Rapids all of her life, except her four years at Michigan State University. Go Green! Her favorite thing about her job is getting to know each unique person she works with and seeing their lives unfold.

Workshop B descriptions

Wed., June 19, 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Youth-Friendly Budgeting 102

This session will collaborate with a local credit union to provide youth with the basic skills and understanding for healthy financial decisions. This will be a **more advanced session** than the Budgeting 101 session. Training will use hands-on lessons and techniques to illustrate benefits for saving for the future.

Selene Wadhawan is the presenter, and her bio is listed in Session A.

Student Rights & Preparing for Your Legal Future 102

Students can benefit from learning about their legal rights before arriving at and while in college. Learn about school records, accommodations for disabilities, and other legal tips and tactics for a successful future.

Christine Piatkowski and **DeLois T. Leapheart** are the presenters, and their bios are listed in Session A.

Tweet It. Post It. Like It. Link It.

Everything You Need to Know about Social Media

One of the easiest ways to “Take Charge of Your Journey” is to network with those around you. One of the easiest ways to connect is through the growing world of social media. This session will teach you how to safely use social media to meet your goals and interact with key people who will help impact your journey along the way.

Presenter **Jill Haiser** is the marketing and communications manager for Lutheran Homes of Michigan and Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan. Jill is passionate about helping young adults navigate through life by empowering them to use the resources around them to meet their lifelong goals.

Getting What You Want, Not Just What They Give You!

This session will discuss the various choices foster care youth have as they begin to look at post-secondary options and life after foster care—going through the steps of thinking ahead, making positive choices, and taking charge!! The presenter will talk about how to tap into resources for money, jobs, housing, and other necessities of life. These topics will be explored through games and role-playing.

Presenter **Alexis Redmond** is currently an AmeriCorps member with Child Safe Michigan/Wayne State University Mentoring program. She has spent a lot of time working with foster and at-risk youth in various settings. She recently received her law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in order to continue to help foster youth.

Youth Empowerment & Resilience

What causes youth to become resilient and why is it so important? We will discuss this, as well as empowerment. How do we empower ourselves and other people? Looking forward to seeing many young adults there!

Presenter **Sheila Van Wert** is a 21-year-old who grew up in the foster care system and was adopted at age 15. Sheila moved out on her own at the age of 17 when she graduated from high school. She is currently going to school to get her Bachelor’s in Social Work degree and plans to then obtain her master’s degree. As president of the Bay County Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative Youth Leadership Board, she assisted in it becoming nonprofit and serves as the executive director. Sheila’s passion is to help young people who have had struggles in life become successful.

Workshop C descriptions

Thur., June 20, 10:45 – 11:45 AM

How to Get and Keep a Job

If you want something better for yourself, this session will provide the skills and tips you need to begin the next stage of your life. Employment can provide financial stability and a positive support network. This session will include the following topics: job searching, resume development, interview skills, branding yourself, job match to your ability, maintaining the job, career building, and goal setting.

Presenter **Sara Hogle** has been a career coach with Goodwill for four years. She has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from GVSU and is currently working on her master's degree in youth development from MSU. Sara has years of experience working in residential services and providing mentoring while coaching high school volleyball. She believes that through self-discovery and a positive support system each youth can have a better future than they might now imagine.

Presenter **Sarah Campbell** is an AmeriCorps member who chose serving at Goodwill's youth services to assist with impacting youth through personal development. She has a bachelor's degree from Sewanee–The University of the South in English literature. She has also provided a year of services through the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

Supportive College Programs for Foster Youth

This will be a panel presentation of students who attend Baker College of Flint, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Michigan State University, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Michigan Ann Arbor and Flint, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University. Many schools have programs to support foster youth as they attend college. The students will provide a brief summary of the services they receive from their schools and how it has helped them to be successful.

Navigating Funding Sources for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

Often youth leaving foster care are not prepared for the "real world." This session will help youth and service providers identify funding sources and services that are available to youth ages 14-21. The primary focus will be Youth in Transition, Education and Training Voucher, and college financial aid.

Presenter **Tanya Maki** is the program coordinator for the Michigan Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program and is employed by Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. Tanya previously was employed by LSSM as a foster care worker and ETV case manager.

Presenter **Jessica Kincaid** has worked for the Michigan Department of Human Services for over ten years. She has worked in the field as a Children's Protective Services worker, as a specialist for the Office of Child Support, and is currently an analyst for the Foster Care Permanency Division. In addition to the work with DHS, Jessica has also enjoyed providing counseling services in the Greater Lansing area.

Developing Relationships on the Elevator of Life

This session will discuss how to establish better relationships among youth, caregivers and caseworkers. The presenter will discuss ways to get through the "wall of resistance" with youth and how youth can gain better responses from workers and caregivers.

Presenter **Reco Spencer** spent 18 years in foster care and currently works with youth aging out of foster care. Reco has been recognized by the City of Detroit for his work with youth and continues to work to improve the lives of foster and troubled youth.

Renting – Learn Your Rights & Avoid a Nightmare

There are specific MI laws about tenant/landlord rights and responsibilities. These laws are violated on a regular basis. Be empowered with information and learn from others' mistakes so you don't repeat them. Stable, healthy housing helps ensure success in educational and employment activities.

Presenter **Kym Spring** has been directing the Kent County Renters' Alliance since the project began in 2011. She has also helped her community deal with the ravages of the foreclosure crisis, coordinated the largest volunteer force at the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996 and was proud to serve President Clinton as a political appointee.

Walk through Life

Thur., June 20, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

This Thursday afternoon activity will include numerous life stations and resources as the basis for a fun, interactive two-hour session, intended for youth to put into practice many of the life skills they acquired during the conference.

Representatives from the following groups/entities have been invited and will be confirmed in the coming weeks:

Education

- Colleges and universities
- DHS education planner
- TIP
- Trade schools
- Educational Training Vouchers/
Youth In Transition

Employment

- Armed services
- Goodwill Industries
- Job applications
- Maurice's
- Mecosta County Public Safety
(fire and police)
- Volunteering: DHS: Mike Peach

Finances

- Banks
- Credit unions
- DHS: Selene Wadhawan

Housing

- DHS
- Landlord

Identification

- Mecosta County Clerk
- Secretary of State

Transportation

- Bus station
- Insurance agent

Thank you to our fantastic
Conference Planning Committee members:

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF MICHIGAN: Laura Mitchell (CHAIR), Courtney Bildner, Tanya Maki, Jennifer Maurer, Diana Ripley, Keith Stump, Mallory Vredeveld and Kristy Watson

FOSTER CARE ALUMNI: Sheila VanWert

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY YOUTH INITIATIVE: Janette Ward

FOSTERING SUCCESS MICHIGAN: Maddy Day

ADOPTION OPTION INC: DeLois Leapheart

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES: Ryan Nettesheim

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: Chris Durocher, Douglas Lewis and Ann Rossi

MICHIGAN FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES: Rose Homa and Kadi Prout

Frequently asked questions



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Do I need a chaperone? *All youth under the age of 18 must have a chaperone at all times, including overnight.*

A minimum of one adult chaperone to three youth is required throughout the conference. Dorm rooms sleep up to four individuals; therefore, same-sex chaperones will be needed. Chaperones must be identified on the registration form.

What is a chaperone responsible for? One chaperone is required for up to three youth under age 18 attending the conference, and *a signed agreement for each chaperone attending must be submitted with the registration.* The agreement form is provided with this brochure and explains the chaperone's responsibilities throughout the conference. One chaperone per form; copy as needed.

Do I need to sign a consent form? Yes, *a signed consent form for each youth attending must be submitted with the registration.* The consent form is provided with this brochure; one youth per form; copy as needed.

How much does it cost to register? The registration fee is \$110 for each registrant and includes: all workshop materials; dinner and evening activities on Tuesday; lunch, dinner and evening activities on Wednesday; and breakfast and lunch on Thursday. Fees must be paid prior to attending the conference. Overnight room charges are in addition to the registration fee (see separate question). Registrations submitted after May 30, 2013, require an additional \$25 per person.

Are there funding sources that can help pay for my registration? Very likely! Here are some options that your worker may be able to access:

- ▶ County **Youth In Transition (YIT)** funds CAN be used to pay for youth to attend the conference. Additionally, YIT funds can be used for *chaperones' travel costs only—mileage, meals (\$65 of the \$110 fee is for meals) and overnight room.* YIT funds CANNOT be used for chaperones' cost of registration for the conference (\$45 of the \$110 fee). YIT funds can be accessed through the local DHS foster care worker.
- ▶ This conference is an **Approved Asset Training**, thus, county **Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative (MYOI)** funding CAN be used to pay for youth to attend the conference. If your county has MYOI, consult your MYOI Coordinator for funds.
- ▶ If youth are not eligible for YIT or MYOI funding, workers are encouraged to assist youth in raising funds to cover their cost of attending.



If you have trouble locating funding for your youth to attend, please contact Laura Mitchell at LSSM:
Lmitc@LSSM.org
(800) 886-5776



Where do I sleep? Overnight accommodations will be available in on-campus dorm rooms for youth and their chaperones. Bring an alarm clock, fan (no air conditioning!), and toiletries. Linens and towels are provided. Alternatively, off-site hotel locations are available nearby at participants' own expense (see inset for suggestions). See Registration Form for dorm room costs.

What if I have to cancel my registration? All cancellations must be submitted in writing. Written cancellations received and verified on or before June 1, 2013, will be refunded, less a \$25 fee. No refunds will be issued after June 1, 2013. If you are unable to attend, please notify LSSM in Grand Rapids—(616) 356-1934 or (800) 886-5776—that you will send someone in your place.

Am I liable for any damages I may cause? By registering to attend the conference, you are agreeing to be financially responsible for any damages incurred by yourself to any portion of the facilities in use by the conference. You are also agreeing to be responsible for abiding by FSU campus rules and local laws for the duration of the conference.

Area hotels

If you prefer overnight accommodations in a nearby hotel, below are two options with special room rates. Reservations and payment must be made directly with the hotel; tell them you are with the 2013 Michigan Teen Conference. Reserve your room early to assure space is available (tax is additional).

Quality Inn, 1705 S. State Street, Big Rapids, MI
(231) 592-5150
\$60 per night (two beds).
A block of rooms will be held until May 31.

Holiday Inn, 1005 Perry Street, Big Rapids, MI
(231) 796-4400
\$89 per night (two beds).
A block of rooms will be held until May 31.

IMPORTANT: Youth and chaperones are expected to stay together in the same overnight room.

Sponsor Form



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The **2013 Michigan Teen Conference** is offering the opportunity for businesses, individuals and programs to support teens as they prepare to exit foster care and become successful adults! As a sponsor, you will have the opportunity to promote your business and let your community know how **youth-friendly** your services are.

Please consider which sponsor option below would best suit your idea of promotional interests through this gesture of support. If you have questions or another idea for sponsorship, please contact Laura Mitchell, chair of the Conference Planning Committee. She can be reached at Imitc@LSSM.org; (616) 356-1934.

Sponsor selection (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Keynote – \$1,500 The KEYNOTE SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition in event printed materials and signage. Opportunity to provide sponsor's pre-printed material (brochures, coupons, etc.) for conference bags. 	<input type="checkbox"/> How many: <input type="text"/>	Prize – \$150 or item =/+ value Each PRIZE SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition in event printed materials and signage.
<input type="checkbox"/> Flash Drive – \$1,000 Each FLASH DRIVE SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition in event printed materials and signage. 	<input type="checkbox"/> How many: <input type="text"/>	Youth – \$150 Each YOUTH SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition in event printed materials and signage. The reward of knowing a youth attended the conference who otherwise could not have afforded to register.
<input type="checkbox"/> Pad Folio – \$850 The PAD FOLIO SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition in event printed materials and signage. 	<input type="checkbox"/> How many: <input type="text"/>	Activity – \$50 Each ACTIVITY SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition in event printed materials and signage.
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference Bag – \$750 The CONFERENCE BAG SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition in event printed materials and signage. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Other donation – Describe:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference T-Shirt – \$750 Each CONFERENCE T-SHIRT SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition in event printed materials and signage. 	Total amount due: \$ <input type="text"/>	

Organization/company name: _____

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Web site: _____

All sponsors must provide camera-ready artwork (logo) in hi-resolution digital format (jpg, pdf, eps, gif or tiff) no later than April 30, 2013. E-mail the file to Laura Mitchell, Imitc@LSSM.org.

Send check with form to conference fiduciary:
Lutheran Social Services of Michigan
 207 E. Fulton, 4th Floor
 Grand Rapids MI 49503

or fax the completed form to (616) 356-5779.

PAYMENT FOR SPONSORSHIP is due by April 30, 2013.

- Check enclosed for total amount due.
- Check will be mailed for total amount due.

Registration Form

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TO REGISTER, mail completed form to LSSM, 207 E. Fulton, 4th Flr, Grand Rapids MI 49503 or fax the completed form to (616) 356-5779.

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Registration should be completed by Agency or DHS Staff or Caregiver.

Please type or print clearly.

Contact person			
Name:			
DHS office or private agency:			
Agency address:			
City/state/zip code:			
Telephone:		Fax number:	
E-mail address for contact person:			
One chaperone is required for every three youth.			
Chaperone A signed Chaperone Agreement is required; see separate form.			
Name:			Fee
Role/title:			\$110
Cell phone #:	Email:		
Youth attending A signed Consent form is required for each youth; see separate form.			
Youth's name	Age (at time of conference)	Circle gender M F	Circle fee
		M F	\$110
		M F	\$110
		M F	\$110
Other adults/staff attending			
Name	Role/title		Circle fee
			\$110
On-campus dorm rooms • First come, first serve*			
Length of stay	Rate per person	# of people	Amount
Two nights (Tues. and Wed., June 18 & 19)	\$45		\$
One night (Wed., June 19)	\$25		\$
Total amount payable to "Lutheran Social Services of Michigan" by May 30, 2013: \$			<input type="text"/>
LSSM Federal ID#: 38-1360553			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed for total amount due.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check will be mailed for total amount due.			
After May 30, ADD \$25 to each \$110 registration; # registrants _____ x \$25 = \$			<input type="text"/>
After May 30, NEW TOTAL DUE = \$			<input type="text"/>

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*Alternatively, overnight accommodations can be made at a nearby hotel (see page 6 of Teen Conference brochure).



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Location: **Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI**

Chaperone Agreement

As a volunteer chaperone, accompanying as many as three youth to and throughout this conference, I attest to the fact that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the following procedures and protocols:

- ▶ I understand that this signed agreement must accompany the registration form.
 - ▶ I will officially “check in” at the Chaperone Station upon arrival at the Registration area of the conference.
 - ▶ As a chaperone, my primary role is to provide supervision of my assigned youth and to help these youth learn and enjoy themselves at the conference. This is a new experience for many of the teens, and I understand that I am their key resource and leader.
 - ▶ As a role model for the youth, my positive attitude and enthusiasm will greatly enhance the youths’ experiences at the conference. I will encourage the youth to listen to instruction, try new things and be open to new experiences.
 - ▶ **I will provide supervision for my assigned youth AT ALL TIMES, including:**
 - during general and workshop sessions;
 - during meals and break times;
 - during recreational activities (offered both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings); and
 - in dormitory rooms.
- ▶ I understand that cell phones should be turned off or placed on vibrate during all conference sessions.
 - ▶ I understand that overnight accommodations for youth and chaperones will consist of an on-campus dorm room and that we will need to bring an alarm clock, fan, pillows and toiletries; linens and towels are provided.
 - ▶ I understand that smoking is not allowed indoors or in front of students. Smoking can occur in designated areas only.
 - ▶ I understand that I must secure all oral medicines, prescription and non-prescription medicines, in their original containers, or keep them on my person at all times. (Please do not leave unsecured medicines in the dormitory.)
 - ▶ I understand that directions to conference location and parking information will be emailed to me at the email address provided on the registration form.

Chaperone’s printed name: _____

Agency name: _____

Chaperone’s signature: _____

Date signed: ___/___/_____

Agency’s supervisor or director’s signature: _____

Date signed: ___/___/_____

Please keep one copy of this signed Agreement for your organization’s records and attach one to the Michigan Teen Conference Registration Form.

Michigan Teen Conference

Consent to Use of Name or Photo or Interview

One youth per form;
copy as needed.

Intended use Michigan Teen Conference Date: June 19 & 20, 2013

REGISTRATION: I give my permission to the Michigan Teen Conference and its Planning Committee to use my name and information about myself and the circumstances of my relationship with the Michigan Teen Conference for registration tracking prior to and during the conference, and accounts receivable billing after the conference, as deemed appropriate by the Conference Planning Committee.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS: I give my permission to the Michigan Teen Conference and its Planning Committee to use my name and information about myself and the circumstances of my relationship with Michigan Teen Conference for room assignment and monitoring at the designated residence hall at Ferris State University.

I understand that I will not be paid for the use of my name, and that I do not have the right to inspect or further approve the use to which my name, likeness, words and/or voice may be applied. I release the Michigan Teen Conference and its Planning Committee and all persons operating under its authority from any liability relating to the use of my name, likeness, words and/or voice or information about the circumstances of my relationship to the conference.

I consent to use of:

Any and all of the following, or

- My name (required)
- My portrait, picture, video image, photograph or any reproduction or likeness of me
- Quotation of my remarks
- Audio recording of my voice
- Information about myself, my family and the circumstances of our relationship with the Michigan Teen Conference and its 2013 Planning Committee.

Youth's Name (please type or print legibly):	Youth's Signature:
Youth's Address:	Daytime Phone:
Agency Name or DHS County Office:	
Personal Representative for Minor Child:	
Name of Personal Representative (please type or print legibly)	
Signature of Personal Representative:	Date:

For recipients of Department of Human Service funded services, this permission expires on **12/31/13**.

This consent form is required for all youth who attend the Michigan Teen Conference for items that are identified above with a check mark.

Other items of consent are at the sole discretion of the person legally responsible for the youth. Please see box at the right for list of persons responsible to sign this consent.

Please keep one copy of this signed Agreement in the youth's file and attach one to the Michigan Teen Conference Registration Form.

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Type of Care/Legal Status	Authorizing Party
Temporary court ward	Court/judge & parent/legal guardian
Permanent court ward	Court/judge
State ward (Act 220)	DHS monitor*
State ward (Act 296)	DHS monitor*
Voluntary foster care	Parent/legal guardian
MCI-O	DHS monitor*
OTI foster care	Sending state authority/court
Child placed out of state	Michigan authority supervising child
*For this conference only	