

June 22-23

2010

Michigan  
Teen Conference



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2010 Michigan Teen Conference

Details and registration form

# Take Charge of Your Journey!

This conference is for:  
youth ages 14-21,  
their caregivers and  
professionals who work with teens

Tuesday-Wednesday

June 22 - 23, 2010

at

Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant MI

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## Take Charge of Your Journey!

Do you know a youth in **Foster Care or Independent Living** who needs to learn about money management, employment and/or educational opportunities, healthy relationships, or housing? If you do, then you need to register them for the **2010 Michigan Teen Conference**.

Youth must be ages 14 to 21 and in Foster Care or Independent Living. If they are under the age of 18 they must have a chaperone. 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.

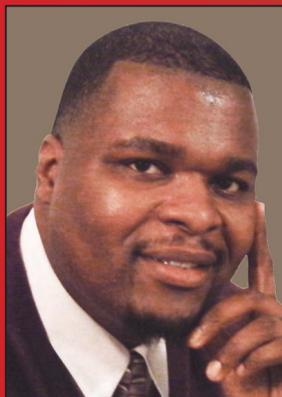
*This conference is also an excellent place for foster parents to earn training credit hours.*

Keynote presenters

### Danita Echols & Reco Spencer



**D**anita Echols, MSW, experienced multiple placements in foster homes, group homes and a juvenile detention facility. During her eleven-year odyssey in the foster care system, Danita attended a dozen public schools before graduation. Prior to and between placements, her dysfunctional family life consisted of poverty, neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse and domestic violence. Adult family members and foster caregivers told Danita that she would “never amount to anything.” Their disparaging remarks seemed prophetic, as Danita struggled to adapt to her newly found freedoms, lack of support and guidance following emancipation. Through hard work, determination and the support of people who “believed” in her, Danita earned BSW and MSW degrees. Her first professional position was as a social worker in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania foster care system. For the past 15 years, Danita has combined her personal experiences as a client of the foster care system with her social work education and professional expertise as a foster care worker to help youth transition out of foster care. She has shared her knowledge with the Michigan legislature, community panels, faith based groups and foster care organizations regarding the services required for both youth currently in care and those aging out. Danita has worked with the courts, the mental health system and support groups within the same system that once parented her, the Michigan Department of Human Services.



**B**orn to a Mother who was 15 and incarcerated, Reco Spencer began his life in the system as a baby, at the age of 12 he was removed from his Father's care because his father had been using him to sell drugs since he was 9. Reco was gang-banging and drug dealing by the time he reached 12 and was being sent to live with his grandmother on his mother's side of the family, where he experienced more mental and physical abuse. Reco's experience in foster homes weren't positive and neither was his experience living with relatives on his mother's side, but he always had a strong bond with his father's mother, she was his definition of unconditional love and upon this love he drew his motivation to be more than another statistic. Reco went on to college where earned an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelors Degree in Business Management with plans to finish his Master's Degree in Sociology. Reco has spent a lot of his life working with and teaching young people who have faced similar situations how to avoid the pitfalls of becoming what everyone said you would become, his work with gangs as well as improving the lives of minority males and troubled to disenfranchised youth has garnered him recognition and awards from the City of Detroit. Reco has a lot of quotes he references for daily living but one that consistently remains is the one that says “I can be a lot of things to a lot of people, but I can only be me.”

# Conference schedule



## Tuesday, June 22, 2010

- 7:00 – 8:30 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:30 AM Registration
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Opening remarks and keynote address**
- Noon – 12:45 PM Lunch
- 12:45 – 2:15 PM **Workshop A**
- Refugee Youth: Developing Confidence in the World of Employment
  - Navigating Funding Sources for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care
  - Who Am I and Where Do I Go from Here?
  - Teen Dating Violence/Sexual Assault 101
- 2:15 – 2:30 PM Break
- 2:30 – 4:00 PM **Workshop B**
- Automobile Ownership: “I Just Want a Ride”
  - Creating a “Voice” for Youth in Foster Care
  - Job Search 101
  - Working with LGBTQ Youth – Awareness, Understanding, and Sensitivity
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM **Tour of CMU campus**
- 5:00 – 6:30 PM Dinner
- 7:00 – 11:00 PM **Recreation/entertainment** options at the CMU Student Activity Center, Poetry Slam led by Ozone House Project Speak Out, Creative Expression through Collage, etc.

### REQUEST YIT FUNDS IMMEDIATELY

through your local DHS as registration and payment must be received at LSSM by May 30, 2010.

#### WORKSHEET TO CALCULATE THE AMOUNT OF YIT FUNDS NEEDED

*This worksheet is provided for your use in making an early request for YIT funds. It does not take the place of a registration form, which will be part of the full conference brochure to be issued soon.*

**YOUTH registrations:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$110 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH overnights:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45 (2 nights) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 (1 night) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CHAPERONE travel:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$65 (meals) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CHAPERONE overnights:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45 (2 nights) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 (1 night) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**YIT funds needed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Wednesday, June 23, 2010

- 7:00 – 8:30 AM Breakfast
- 8:45 – 10:00 AM **General session**
- 10:00 – 10:15 AM Break
- 10:15 – 11:45 AM **Workshop C**
- 10 Steps to Taking Control of Your Money and Getting More of the Things You Need and Want with the Money You Already Have
  - From Living in Foster Care to Living on a College Campus: The Seita Scholar Experience
  - Refugee Youth: Money Management
  - How to Get and Keep an Apartment
- Noon – 1:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 – 3:00 PM **Walk through Life**
- 3:00 – 4:00 PM Conference closing and gift giveaway

### Conference requirements for chaperones:

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.

The Student Activities Center will be open to attendees both Monday and Tuesday evenings.

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## Workshop A descriptions

Tuesday, June 22, 12:45 – 2:15 PM

### Refugee Youth: Developing Confidence in the World of Employment

This interactive workshop will empower youth with the self-confidence and skills needed to walk on water in the “sink or swim” world of employment. Topics discussed will include applications, interviewing skills, responsibility, and training on the basics needed to succeed in any field. **This is a trilingual workshop specifically geared toward refugee youth. Spanish and Burmese interpreter will be on site.** **Presenter Keith Stump** is currently working in Lansing as an Independent Living Skills Coordinator for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. Keith earned his BA in Cross Cultural Studies and has been working with international and domestic youth since 2002. Besides his work in the United States, he has also worked with youth in Toronto, Honduras, and Cambodia.

### 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 services providers identify funding sources and services that are available to youth from ages 14 to 21. The primary focus will be Youth in Transition, Education and Training Voucher funding, and college financial aid. **Presenter Jennifer Maurer** is the Program Coordinator for the Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program employed by Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. Jennifer previously was employed with LSSM as a Foster Care Worker and ETV Case Manager. **Presenter Ann Rossi** is the Education/Employment/YIT/AWOLP Departmental Analyst at DHS. Prior to coming to DHS, she was a foster care/independent living worker and ETV Coordinator at LSSM. **Presenter Jennifer Wallace** is the Outreach manager for Financial Aid programs for the Michigan Education Trust. She is the former Director of Foster Care Policy and the former Director of the Tuition Incentive Program for DHS. The TIP Lady speaks to over 100,000 students a year all over the State of Michigan on topics like “Where’s the Money” and “Financial Literacy.”

### Who Am I and Where Do I Go from Here?

Stop to look at your past and what you have accomplished. Look at where you are now. Create the future that you want through self-checks, visualization and positive support. Where do you visualize your self to be in one year, three years or five years from now and how will **YOU** make it happen? **Presenter Danita Echols, MSW**, experienced multiple placements in foster homes, group homes and a juvenile detention facility. During her eleven-year odyssey in the foster care system, Danita attended a dozen public schools before graduation. Prior to and between placements, her dysfunctional family life consisted of poverty, neglect, physical, emotional abuse and domestic violence. She has worked for over 15 years with youth in foster care assisting them with transitioning into independence.

### Teen Dating Violence/Sexual Assault 101

How often does sexual assault occur among teens? How can you help a friend who has been sexually assaulted? What are the myths surrounding sexual assault and what are the facts? Learn to recognize tactics used by perpetrators of dating violence, the most current statistics, how to help a friend in an abusive relationship and to distinguish between healthy vs. unhealthy relationships. This presentation provides a safe space for concerns/questions from the teen group audience. **Presenter Erica Hicks** is a senior at CMU, majoring in Sociology with a minor in Spanish. She has been involved in Take Back the Night since her freshmen year. She has a passion for informing people about domestic violence and sexual aggression. She had the experience of seeing a family member struggle in a violent relationship and has worked very hard to make sure that she and others don’t end up in that situation. **Presenter Erica Ray** is currently finishing her master’s degree in counseling. She has been involved with Take Back the Night for eight years.

## Workshop B descriptions

Tuesday, June 22, 2:30 – 4:00 PM

### Automobile Ownership: “I Just Want a Ride”

This session will provide useful information to youth who are thinking and/or about to purchase a used vehicle. The workshop will identify the right auto deal, help youth to understand what it takes to maintain a used car, and also help youth to understand Michigan laws concerning car ownership. This workshop will be fun and interactive so, please, no “lemons” (car term) allowed. **Presenter Reco Spencer** is the father of four children. Reco grew up in the foster system from birth to age 18. Reco has received two degrees (Criminal Justice/Business Management) and has spent his entire professional career in Human Services. He also has 10 years of experience in Public/Motivational Speaking. Reco was recognized by the City of Detroit for his work with Urban Youth and Returning prisoners. **Presenter Ryan Nettesheim** is a 2006 graduate of Northern Michigan University School of Social Work. He is a new father and has spent his entire career working with Foster Care youth. Ryan is currently working as a Life Skills Specialist for Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids.

### Creating a “Voice” for Youth in Foster Care

An open discussion of Voice Documents and how to engage youth to empower themselves and others to change the existing system for themselves and other youth entering the system. In addition, there will be examples of local forms of advocacy and discussion on how to engage the local communities to better assist youth transitioning out of foster care. Presenters include current and former foster youth that have achieved permanency through adoption or Independent Living Services; these youth are all active on their local youth board, which serves Midland and Isabella Counties.

### Job Search 101

Youth and Adults will participate in an energetic and interactive workshop preparing them to enter the world of employment. Topics that will be addressed include employment resources, First Impressions, resume building, applications and the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Participants will leave with a packet of information including a list of local service centers. **Presenters Tim Marr and Jodie Shank** are Youth Liaisons with Gratiot, Isabella, and Montcalm counties.

### Working with LGBTQ Youth – Awareness, Understanding, and Sensitivity

In our work with youth, we must be able to accept youth on their own terms and accept them for who they are and how they define themselves. This takes awareness, understanding and sensitivity on our part. This is especially necessary if we are to effectively advocate on their behalf and assist them with being able to effectively advocate on their own behalf. As we must be culturally sensitive to anyone we encounter in child welfare, we must also understand the particular issues, risk factors and needs of individual youth. This workshop will provide information and skills for working with LGBTQ youth. It will assist attendees with work-related and social relationships that are based on respect for diversity, sensitivity to differences, and an awareness of the value of all we encounter. **Presenter Seth Persky** has a background in the private and public sectors as a case manager, supervisor and trainer. He has provided workshops and training on a variety of topics to diverse audiences, including issues of Child Welfare and Family Preservation. Seth is currently a Foster Care staff trainer for MDHS, Child Welfare Training Institute. **Presenter Bridie Johnson** is Director of Programs at the Ruth Ellis Center in Detroit. She has extensive experience with juvenile delinquency, domestic violence survivors, LGBTQ issues, child abuse and neglect resolution. She has an MFT and MSW from Wayne State University.

## Workshop C descriptions

Wednesday, June 23, 10:15 – 11:45 AM

### 10 Steps to Taking Control of Your Money and Getting More of the Things You Need and Want with the Money You Already Have

Needless to say, the money we have is a precious resource. We need it for so many things...but we only have so much. This presentation will focus on a variety of easy-to-use money management skills that will help you use your money as efficiently and effectively as possible so that you get MORE of things you need and want with the money you have. **Presenter Dave Treul** has been a money management educator with MSU Extension for the past nine years. Using his prior experience as a banker, lawyer, real-estate professional and debt counselor, Dave has taught classes on many money management related topics in many settings including schools, businesses, social service agencies and churches. He is also the writer of the "Cents Ability" newsletter which is widely distributed in the Kent County area.

### From Living in Foster Care to Living on a College Campus: The Seita Scholar Experience

Staff and students in the Seita Scholars program share information about how WMU supports students who have aged out of foster care. Seita Scholars (former foster youth attending WMU) will talk about their experiences of leaving foster care and starting college, and provide helpful hints about what youth in foster care can do to prepare for a future in college. **Presenter Ronicka D. Hamilton** is a Seita Campus Coach at Western Michigan University. She earned a master's degree in counseling psychology and a bachelor of social work degree both from WMU. She is SPADA certified (specialty programs in alcohol and drug abuse) and is earning an LLP (limited license psychologist). She has worked in a group home setting with youth in foster care. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and volunteers for many youth organizations. **Presenter Jamie Crandell** has worked with the Seita Scholars program for 3 years and was a member of the original student advisory board, a student leader to the first class of Seita Scholars, and the founder of the WMU student organization for foster youth alumni. Jamie is a foster care alumnus; she earned her bachelors and masters degrees in social work from Western Michigan University.

### Refugee Youth: Money Management

Fifth Third Bank is excited to present information about the basics of banking. This would entail discussion around checking accounts, savings accounts, and what these products are used for. We will be addressing commonly asked questions such as "How do I write a check, how do I balance a checkbook, and what does it mean to save and how do I start?" **This is a trilingual workshop specifically geared toward refugee youth. Spanish and Burmese interpreters will be on site.** **Presenter William Baird** is the branch manager at Fifth Third Bank in Jackson. He has been in banking for over 20 years and started his banking career right out of high school. **Presenter Rhonda Schafer**, also an employee of the Fifth Third Bank in Jackson, has been with them for 10 years. She began her career out of high school and is now the Personal Banker.

### How to Get and Keep an Apartment

Living on your own is a great experience. With humor, fun, and plenty of information, Jay will go through what you will need to know about getting and, more importantly, KEEPING an apartment. We will explore the rental, leasing, and eviction process. By the end of the class, you should be in a position to know how to get an apartment and keep it! Having been a part of the real estate industry since 1983, **Presenter Jay Spencer** has a great deal of knowledge in all the aspects. He is currently employed with Beckett Property Management, LLC, in Grand Rapids, MI. BPM is the largest non-complex landlord in Grand Rapids.

## Walk through Life

Wednesday, June 23, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

This Wednesday 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.

#### Education

- Colleges and information
- Trade schools
- Educational Training Vouchers

#### Employment

- Americorp Vista
- Armed Services
- First Responders—Fire Department/Police/  
Emergency Medical Technicians
- Job applications

#### Finances

- Banks and credit unions
- MSU Extension

#### Housing

- Apartment Search
- Landlord

#### Identification

- Secretary of State
- Vital Records

#### Transportation

- Insurance agent

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**What to do with your free time**

*Monday (June 21) and Tuesday (June 22)*

**Monday and Tuesday evenings:**

7:00 – 11:00 PM **CMU Student Activity Center** will be available to conference registrants. The activities available at the center include:

- basketball
- billiards
- bowling
- fitness center
- racquetball courts
- table tennis
- tennis courts
- track

**Tuesday only:**

4:00 – 5:00 PM **CMU Campus Tour** conducted by students of CMU

7:00 – 11:00 PM • **Ozone House Project Speak Out** will present a **Poetry Slam**  
• **Creative Expression through Collage**

**Chaperones are responsible for their assigned youth at all times.**

**Important information...**

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**Conference planning committee**

This fantastic conference is made possible by the enthusiastic participation of these planning committee members:

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| LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF MICHIGAN:        | Laura Mitchell (CHAIR), John Elmore, Tanya Maki, Jennifer Maurer, Diana Ripley, Keith Stump, Kristy Watson |
| ALUMNI:                                      | Alexis Alexander, Kara Harper  |
| SPEAKERS:                                    | Danita Echols, Reco Spencer  |
| BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES:                  | Ryan Nettesheim  |
| THE CHILDREN'S CENTER OF WAYNE COUNTY:       | Sherise Hutchinson, Pamela Smith   |
| CHRIST CHILD HOUSE:                          | Holly Ball   |
| MICHIGAN CAMPUS COMPACT:                     | Dorothy Beemon   |
| MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:       | Chris Durocher, Carrie Nichols, Ann Rossi  |
| MICHIGAN FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES: | Rose Homa, Kadi Janssen  |

**Overnight accommodations**

will be available in on-campus dorm rooms for youth and their chaperones. Bring an alarm clock, fan, and toiletries. Linens and towels are provided. Alternatively, off-site hotel locations are available nearby at participants' own expense (see below for discounted rates at three different hotels).

**Area hotels**

**If you prefer overnight accommodations in a nearby hotel,** here are several options with special room rates. Reservations and payment must be made directly with the hotel; tell them you are with the 2010 Michigan Teen Conference. Reserve your room early to assure space is available (tax is additional).

**Comfort Inn & Suites**  
2424 South Mission Street  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
**(989) 772-4000**  
\$75 per night  
10 rooms blocked until June 2

**Best Western Inn –Mt. Pleasant**  
5770 East Pickard Street  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
**(989) 772-1101**  
\$71.95 per night  
10 rooms blocked until June 7

**Fairfield Inn & Suites**  
2525 South University Park Dr.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
**(989) 775-5000**  
\$71.95 per night  
10 rooms blocked until June 1

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# Conference registration form

## TO REGISTER

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

**Registrations and full payment must be received by LSSM by May 30, 2010.**

If you have questions, please contact Diana Ripley at LSSM [dripl@LSSM.org](mailto:dripl@LSSM.org) or (800) 765-0541.

**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:				
<b>One chaperone is required for every three youth.</b>				
Chaperone				
Name:			Fee	
Role/title:			<b>\$110</b>	
Cell phone #:		Email:		
Youth attending				
Youth's name	Age (at time of conference)	Circle gender	Circle fee	
		M F	<b>\$110</b>	
		M F	<b>\$110</b>	
		M F	<b>\$110</b>	
Other adults/staff attending				
Name		Role/title	Circle fee	
			<b>\$110</b>	
On-campus dorm rooms • First come, first serve•				
Length of stay		Rate per person	# of people	Amount
Two nights (Monday & Tuesday, June 21 & 22)		<b>\$45</b>		<b>\$</b>
One night (Tuesday, June 22)		<b>\$25</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>Total amount payable to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan: \$ _____</b>				
<b>LSSM Federal ID#: 38-1360553</b>				

**Two different signed releases for each youth attending must be submitted with registration:**

*(1) General Conference Release and (2) CMU Informed Consent Release & Safety Guidelines.*

**The forms are provided with this brochure; copy as needed.**

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**Cancellation policy:** All cancellations must be submitted in writing. Written cancellations received and verified on or before June 1, 2010 will be refunded, less a \$25 fee. No refunds will be issued after June 1, 2010. 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.

**Liability policy:** 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 CMU campus rules and local laws for the duration of the conference.

\*Alternatively, overnight accommodations can be made at a nearby hotel. See page \_\_\_\_\_ for a list of options.

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
INFORMED CONSENT AND RELEASE  
SAFETY GUIDELINES**

1. It is expected that all SAC policies be followed. It is also expected that you will follow any/all instructions provided by SAC student or professional staff. Participation in any/all activities at the SAC is “at your own risk” basis.
2. Swimmers must recognize their own limitations and act in the best interest of their own safety. Lifeguards may ask swimmers to demonstrate their swimming ability. No diving is allowed in the SAC pool. Commercially made swimwear must be worn and showers taken prior to swimming or using the spa.
3. Spa and sauna usage: Persons suffering from heart disease, diabetes, or high/low blood pressure should not enter the spa or the sauna. Those who are under the influence of alcohol, anticoagulants, antihistamines, vasoconstrictors, and/or tranquilizers should use the spa and sauna with extreme caution. Pregnant woman are not allowed to use the spa or sauna.
4. Individuals using the Fitness Center will operate the equipment and exercise at their own risk. If you feel ill, dizzy, light headed, or faint, you should stop exercising. It is your responsibility to use the equipment correctly or ask for instructions for proper use.
5. The SAC does not take responsibility for any items lost or stolen. It is recommended to keep any valuables, including coats, secured.

The participant’s utilization of Central Michigan University’s facilities, which includes the Student Activity Center/Rose Center, plus the Intramural Outdoor Field Complex, is at their sole discretion and at their own risk. The participant acknowledges that their utilization of the facilities carries with it the potential for death, disability, or other serious injury. The participant hereby assumes all risks of utilizing the facility, or participating in any University Recreation program. The participant waives, releases, and discharges Central Michigan University, its Board of Trustees and employees from claims, actions, damages, and liability for personal injury or damage relating to their use of the facility, except where the injury or damage is caused by the sole negligence of Central Michigan University.

The participant, (parent/guardian if applicable) has read the above safety guidelines and informed Consent and Release and understands and agrees to its content.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print

(If under 18 yrs of age)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(If participant is under 18 years of age)

*Waivers may be left on file for one year.*

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Consent to Use of Name or Photo or Interview • *One form per person; copy as needed*

Intended use Michigan Teen Conference DATE: June 22 - 23, 2010

- 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 Central Michigan 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 **2010** Planning Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Youth's Name (please type or print legibly) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Name or DHS County office

**Personal Representative for Minor Child:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print 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 **12/31/10**. **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 chart 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.*

**Children's Services Manual**  
**FOSTER CARE – RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
Consent for Release of Information to Others  
CFF 722-4 (page 2 of 4) • CFB 2008-009 • 10-1-08

Type of Care/Legal Status	Authorizing Party
Temporary court ward	Court/judge & parent/legal guardian
Permanent court ward	Court/judge
State ward (Act 220)	MCI superintendent
State ward (Act 296)	MDHS director* & MCI superintendent
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
* or designee	

\*\* For this conference only, not MCI Superintendent as stated in Policy Manual