

Register today!
Request YIT funds now.

2012 Michigan Teen Conference

Take Charge of Your Journey!

What attendees said about
the 2011 Teen Conference:

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

What I liked best about
the 2011 Teen Conference:

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

This special conference

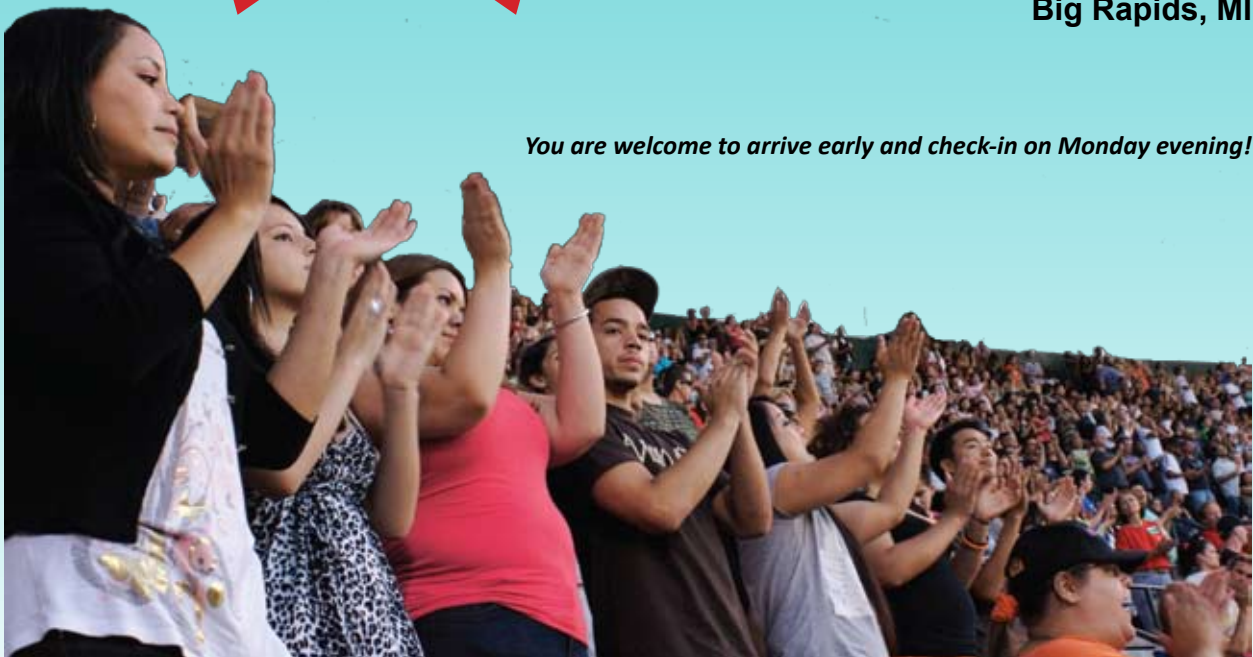
is for **youth ages 14-21**
preparing to exit foster care,
their **caregivers** and
the **professionals**
who work with them

Tuesday-Wednesday
June 19-20, 2012
at

**Ferris State
University**

Big Rapids, MI

You are welcome to arrive early and check-in on Monday evening!



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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 register for the **2012 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 attend the conference with them. 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.

The complete program for this conference will be issued in early April. *Based on experience, you know it will be outstanding!*

We urge you to discuss today which youth, caregivers, and caseworkers would benefit from the 2012 Michigan Teen Conference ... *then register!*

The 2012 Michigan Teen Conference program will include **Keynote Presentations** and **Workshops** addressing:

- Post-secondary education options
- College life (youth panel)
- Funding resources
- Employment
- Rental housing
- Relationships (youth panel)
- Nutrition
- Dollars sense
- Organizing your life
- Teens and the law
- Spirituality
- Social media

In addition, a special **Walk through Life** will feature numerous life stations and resources as the basis for a fun, interactive two-hour session. Youth will put into practice many of the life skills they acquired during the conference. Stations will include:

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|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| • Education | • Employment | • Finances |
| • Housing | • Identification | • Transportation |

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.

Registration fees and YIT funding: These details are provided on the Registration Form.

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 page 3 for suggestions). See Registration Form for costs.

Chaperones are responsible for their assigned youth AT ALL TIMES.

Preliminary Schedule (subject to updates)		
Monday, June 18	5:00 – 6:30 PM 6:00 – 8:00 PM 6:00 – 10:00 PM	Dinner available Early check-in Recreation/entertainment options
Tuesday, June 19	7:00 – 8:30 AM 9:00 – 10:30 AM 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM 12:00 – 1:00 PM 1:00 – 2:00 PM 2:00 – 2:30 PM 2:30 – 3:30 PM 3:30 – 4:30 PM 5:00 – 6:30 PM 7:00 – 11:00 PM	Breakfast Registration Opening remarks & keynote Lunch Workshop A Break Workshop B Tour of FSU campus Dinner Recreation/entertainment options
Wednesday, June 20	7:30 – 9:00 AM 9:15 – 10:30 AM 10:30 – 10:45 AM 10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 – 1:00 PM 1:00 – 3:00 PM 3:00 – 4:00 PM	Breakfast General session Break Workshop C Lunch Walk through Life Closing & gift giveaway

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 2012 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
\$55 per night (two beds)
A block of rooms will be held until June 1

Holiday Inn
1005 Perry Street
Big Rapids, MI
(231) 796-4400
\$89 per night (two beds)
A block of rooms will be held until June 1

Conference 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.

Registrations and full payment must be received by LSSM by May 30, 2012.

If you have questions, contact Laura Mitchell at LSSM Imitc@LSSM.org or **(800) 886-5776**.

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			
Name:			Fee
Role/title:			\$110
Cell phone #:		Email:	
Youth attending			
Youth's name	Age (at time of conference)	Circle gender	Circle fee
		M F	\$110
		M F	\$110
		M F	\$110
Other adults/staff attending			
Name	Role/title		Circle fee
			\$110
			\$110
			\$110
			\$110
On-campus dorm rooms • First come, first serve•			
Length of stay	Rate per person	# of people	Amount
Two nights (Monday & Tuesday, June 18 & 19)	\$45		\$
One night (Tuesday, June 19)	\$25		\$
Total amount payable to "Lutheran Social Services of Michigan" by May 30, 2012: \$			
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: # registrants ____ x \$25 = \$			
After May 30, NEW TOTAL DUE = \$			

A signed consent 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.

Registration fee includes all workshop materials; dinner and evening activities on Monday; lunch, dinner and evening activities on Tuesday; and breakfast and lunch on Wednesday. Fees must be paid prior to attending the conference.

County Youth In Transition funds CAN be used to pay for the 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.

Cancellation policy: All cancellations must be submitted in writing. Written cancellations received and verified on or before June 1, 2012, will be refunded, less a \$25 fee. No refunds will be issued after June 1, 2012. 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 FSU campus rules and local laws for the duration of the conference.

*Alternatively, overnight accommodations can be made at a nearby hotel (see previous page).

Michigan Teen Conference Consent to Use of Name or Photo or Interview

Intended use _____ Michigan Teen Conference _____ Date: June 19 & 20, 2012

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 2012 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 **12/31/12**. **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.

**Children's Services Manual
FOSTER CARE – RELEASE OF INFORMATION**
Consent for Release of Information to Others
CFR 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)	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	