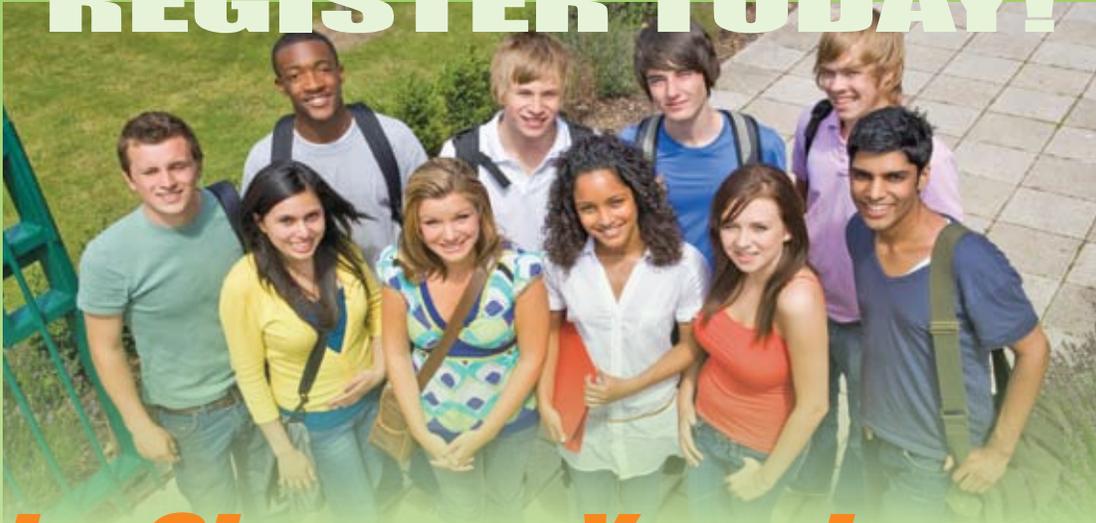


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2015 Michigan Teen Conference

Wednesday-Thursday **June 17-18, 2015** at
Saginaw Valley State University

7400 Bay Road, University Center, MI 48710

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

Promote this event with foster youth and be pro-active to secure funding now!

Funding sources: YIT • MYOI • Private fund raising
See registration form to calculate costs for your funding request.

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and Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/MiTeenConf>

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Do you know a youth in **Foster Care** or **Independent Living** or **Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care** who needs to learn about money management, employment, educational opportunities, health and wellness, or housing? If you do, then help them register for the **2015 Michigan Teen Conference**.

Youth must be ages 14 to 21 and in Foster Care or Independent Living or Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care. If attendees are under the age of 18, a chaperone **MUST** attend the conference with them and accompany them at all times. It is strongly recommended that youth ages 18+ also 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 successfully transition to adult life.



Preliminary Schedule (subject to updates)

Tues., June 16	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 17	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	Saginaw Valley State University campus tour
	5:00 – 6:30 PM	Dinner
	6:00 – 10:00 PM	Recreation/entertainment options
Thurs., June 18	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 and prizes

What attendees have said about the Teen Conference:

“Everything was spot on!”

“Inspiring.”

“I like this, I would love to come again.”

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

Workshops will feature topics such as:

- Career planning
- College supportive programs
- Health and well-being
- Housing
- Job search/employment
- Legal rights of youth in care and as adults
- Mentoring
- Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiatives
- Money management—beginner and advanced
- Resources for older youth (ETV, YIT, YAVFC)
- Social media

In addition, a special **Walk Through Life** event will simulate 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



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Also find details at www.michfed.org

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Keynote presentation

Wed., June 17, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Kevin Y. Brown



Award winning international speaker and author Kevin Y. Brown brings his audience members high energy, authentic presentations that provide tangible takeaways to engage them in creating the results and life that they desire.

Born to a young mother who was drug-addicted, at age 1, Kevin entered the California foster care system, where he remained until emancipating at the age of 18. Despite his early encounters with adversity, he excelled academically and graduated from college debt-free, and with honors in both Fashion Design and Business Supply Chain Management. He later became an international advocate for youth in foster care systems domestically and abroad. Kevin also served as a congressional advisor for legislation designed to improve national foster care, and was invited by the iconic civil rights leader and Congressman John Lewis to share his experiences with the United States House of Representatives.

Formerly a host for MTV Networks and a marketer in New York City's high-paced fashion industry, today Kevin is the president of Legacy Thinking Labs and author of the book *10 Ways Anyone Can Graduate From College DEBT-FREE*. He has an international following and hundreds of video testimonials from clients and audience members on his youtube channel (www.youtube.com/kevbrown001). Kevin's current projects include a global motivational series, "Create Your Life," which is filmed at various locations around the globe and provides strategic insights about mobilizing your resources, maximizing your potential and self-authoring your destiny.

Kevin has been highlighted in various media outlets, including *Ebony Magazine*, *Foster Focus Magazine* and the historic *Amsterdam News*. Most recently, he was a two-time speaker at the International Foster Care Organizations Conference in Osaka, Japan.

Kevin lives in New York City, is an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and loves to salsa dance.

General session presentation

Thurs, June 18, 9:15 AM – 10:30 PM

Monica Sparks

Monica Sparks is the President and CEO of Urban Sparks, based in Grand Rapids, MI. Urban Sparks produces *Networking Divas Magazine*, Radio For Divas Network and the Networking Diva Conference.

As a radio talk show host, author and entrepreneur, Monica Sparks is known as the Networking Diva, a high-energy well-respected business professional with a unique ability to develop and foster strong relationships.

The mantra of Monica Sparks is "Educate, Empower & Entertain!" Her network is comprised of a diverse audience that includes business professionals, entrepreneurs and women who are looking to 'Ignite a Spark' that will bring positive change in their personal and professional lives.

Monica Sparks, a Licensed Real Estate Broker and State of Michigan Approved Continuing Education Instructor, utilizes personal experiences of success and failures to help develop training and educational programs based on the principles of networking and relationship building.

The mission of Monica Sparks is to always give back and celebrate people and diversity on every level. "YOU are the CEO of your life, success does not just happen. Make a decision to be successful, you have to set yourself on fire, and all it takes is a SPARK," says Monica Sparks.

Monica gives back to her community by serving on various boards and committees and utilizes her business acumen to help other business owners and entrepreneurs by volunteering as a certified SCORE Mentor and Business Counselor. She is also Vice President of the National Heritage Academies School; Vista Charter Academy, Vice-Chair of the West Michigan Film & Video Alliance and Vice President of Woman's Life Chapter 881.



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Workshop A descriptions

Wed., June 17, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

How to be Safe, Smart and Social

The good, the bad and the ugly is being recorded and shared on social media amongst young people all over the world. Today, the culture seems to promote that “anything goes” in regard to self-expression. This workshop will offer appropriate use of social media and help you understand what actions could have huge repercussions that damage reputation or could be harmful to others. You will learn how to apply real-world judgment and help minimize the risks we all face.

Presenter **Elizabeth MacFarland-Morin** is the Digital Marketing Coordinator at Wellspring Lutheran Services. Prior to her time at Wellspring, she spent seven years working in broadcast media as a television news anchor, reporter and executive producer. She held positions at WLUC TV 6 news in Marquette, MI, and most recently anchored and produced the morning news program at WEYI NBC25 news in Flint, MI.

Preparing for Your Professional Future

This workshop will prepare you to think about your future in terms of what careers are available, how to properly format professional documents (resume/cover letter) to ensure they are being viewed favorably by an employer, proper etiquette at job interviews, and the refinement of soft skills to coincide with the demands of today’s business environment.

Beginning in March 2012, presenter **Tom Barnikow** joined the Career Services staff at Saginaw Valley State University and has proven to be a wealth of knowledge to students and alumni both. As a lifelong resident of Bay City, Tom takes great interest in the future of the economy in the Great Lakes Bay Region. He hopes that his work with the students and alumni of SVSU can ultimately lead to a bright future for both the residents and businesses that choose to call this area their home.

Xtreme Reality

Xtreme Reality is truly an eye-opening experience that not only promotes an appreciation for the financial struggles and sacrifices of young adults striving for independence, but you will become aware of the ‘Real’ expenses associated with life. You will receive a “Check Book Register,” which will reflect an annual salary, monthly salary, and you will be assigned a series of “life factors” such as married, single or divorced; maybe you’ll have children, maybe you will not. You will rotate through 17 stations where you must make spending decisions based on your life factors and personal preferences. The object is to make wise decisions and budget your money so that you are able to visit every station and have money left.

This workshop is meant for older youth attendees (ages 18-21).

Over the past 15 years at WMU, presenter **Carol Mountjoy** has brought life to learning for all ages with her passion for College Awareness and Financial Literacy. She capitalizes on her position as an Assistant Director of Financial Aid as a platform to educate, encourage and expect excellence from our youth.

Mentoring Matters

This fun and interactive workshop will elaborate on what mentoring is and how it makes an impact in the lives of youth. A story will be shared from a current mentor and their mentee. Staff within foster care and youth in transition mentoring programs will also offer insight regarding how they’ve seen mentoring make a difference.

Presenter **Victoria (Tori) Holt** is originally from Traverse City, MI, and currently lives in Grand Rapids working at Bethany Christian Services as an AmeriCorps member. In her position as a Youth Services Match Manager, she is in charge of managing and creating mentoring matches. Tori graduated from Central Michigan University with a B.S. in Psychology and Family Studies in 2012. She currently is working on her master’s degree at Western Michigan University in Counselor Education. Presenter **Liliya Mironova** is originally from Grand Rapids, MI. She’s currently an AmeriCorps Member serving as a Domestic Foster Care Match Manager in Bethany Christian Services Mentoring Programs. She was a mentor in the program from 2012 through 2013 and found mentoring to be a really fulfilling volunteer opportunity. She graduated from Grand Valley in April of 2014 with a degree in Social Work and Writing and is pursuing her Master’s in Social Work at the University of Michigan in the fall.

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Workshop B descriptions **Wed., June 17, 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM**

Youth Homelessness to Stable Housing

This workshop is designed to empower you and provide you with the tools to make appropriate decisions within your community for independent housing; it will teach practical skills that will prepare you for successful community living. You will learn how to avoid the pitfalls of renting foreclosed properties, landlord online evictions, security deposits and their intended use, completing inspections of property prior to moving in, and purchasing renter's insurance.

Presenter **Ken Marks** is a Contract Administrator/Housing Resource Analyst for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, where he oversees the Homeless Youth and Runaway Program. Ken holds an associate's degree in Community Education and a bachelor's degree in Applied Science and credits his "find a way, make a way" attitude for community success. Presenter **Rick Jordan** holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a finance specialization in commercial banking from Howard University. He has a background in real estate and brokering.

Health & Wellness for Youth in Care: Information, Questions and Answers

In this presentation, you will learn about your major body systems, and how they are connected to each other. You will learn how healthy habits are connected to health. Finally, you will brainstorm with the group about how to work toward changing any habits that are getting in the way of your healthy living.

Presenter **Dr. Jeanette Scheid** is a child and adolescent psychiatrist. She works with kids and families in Community Mental Health and in residential care. She is also the Medical Consultant to the Department of Health and Human Services. She works with that team to promote health, mental health and well-being for youth in foster care.

Community Involvement with MYOI!

Come learn how to get your local community members involved with the needs of young people! The Bay County Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiatives (MYOI) Coordinator and youth board members will discuss their efforts toward gaining community commitment within their county. In addition, the group will discuss how to best engage youth.

Presenter **Whitney Johnson** is employed with Bay County Department of Health and Human Services and is currently the Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiatives (MYOI) Coordinator. Several youth will present during this workshop as well.

Financial Independence: Just Basics

This workshop will cover a range of "good-to-know" financial topics that can help you on an everyday basis. Presenters will look at simple budgeting, view and discuss credit reports, and talk about borrowing and building credit. Other topics will include debit/credit cards and good banking practices.

This workshop is meant for younger youth attendees (ages 14-17).

Presenter **Andy Wilczynski** is a bank manager for Independent Bank and a graduate of Northwood University. He is from the Mid-Michigan area and has over ten years of experience in consumer lending, credit analysis, and retail banking.

Workshop C descriptions

Thur., June 18, 10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

Navigating Resources for Older Youth from Foster Care

An increasing amount of resources are available for you. This session will help you and service providers identify funding sources and services that are available to all youth ages 14-21 who have experienced foster care. The primary focus will be Youth in Transition, Education and Training Voucher, Tuition Incentive Program, Fostering Futures Scholarship, Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care, and Medicaid.

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 (LSSM). Tanya previously was employed by LSSM as a Foster Care Worker and ETV Case Manager. Presenter **Jennifer Maurer** is employed with the State of Michigan, Department of Treasury Student Scholarships and Grants Division. In this role, Jennifer uses her expertise and experience with her foster care and financial aid background with LSSM and Michigan State University to administer the Fostering Futures Scholarship. Presenter **Leslie Adams** is the Foster Care Health Analyst in the Child Welfare Medical Unit of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). One of her responsibilities is to provide information and assist former foster care youth and foster care workers with Foster Care Transitional Medicaid. Presenter **Jen Baumann** works for the MDHHS as the analyst for the Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative as well as Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care. Presenter **Jeremiah Garza** has been with the MDHHS since 2011. He has worked in Ingham County as a CPS Investigator, CPS Ongoing Worker, and Eligibility Specialist. Presently he is serving as the YIT/NYTD Analyst in Education and Youth Services. Previously, Jeremiah was employed with Capital Area Community Services (CACs) Head Start as a Family Advocate and Facilitator for the Proud Parents/Proud Fathers Programs.

Legal Issues Affecting Teens

If you are interested in learning about your legal rights, you will want to attend this informative session. The presenters will focus on issues that frequently come up for teens, such as criminal traffic offenses, the difference between civil and criminal law, Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, legal issues in the public school setting such school 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 particular 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. Presenter **DeLois T. Leapheart** began practicing law in 1982 in Indiana and in 1983 in 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 the Director of Northwood's Mock Trial program, which won the 2009 National Mock Trial Championship.

Making a "Major" Decision

Through an interactive party game, you and your peers will explore your career interests. You will be able to identify types of careers and college majors that match your interests. This is a fun way to learn about possible college majors or careers, without the stress of taking a test.

Presenter **Coty Dunten** is the Life Resources Coordinator at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. She has a master's degree in College Counseling from Western Michigan University and is a Limited Licensed Professional Counselor.

What is College REALLY Like? Real Talk from College Students from Foster Care

In this workshop, you will hear about college life from a panel of current undergraduate students who experienced foster care. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about what college is really like and learn about the advantages of participating in a campus-based support program.

This workshop will be moderated by **David VanHorn**, former FosterClub All-Star and current YourNMC participant. David is passionate about the future and how the youth of today can grow and be better than yesterday. He wants to work in a field where his experience and passion can combine as he strives to create better outcomes for young people. David wants to be a social worker and let youth and young adults know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Presenter **Maddy Day** completed her bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Washington in 2004. In 2010, Maddy co-founded the University of Washington Champions Program, a recruitment and retention program for youth and alumni of foster care. Maddy graduated with her Master's in Social Work from the University of Washington in 2011, and in 2012 she accepted a position as Director of Outreach and Training for the Center for Fostering Success at Western Michigan University. Maddy oversees Fostering Success Michigan, a statewide initiative implementing a Collective Impact strategy to increase access and success in postsecondary education for Michigan's students from foster care.

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Walk Through Life Thur., June 18, 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
- Education and Training Vouchers Program/Youth In Transition

Employment

- Armed services
- Goodwill Industries
- Job applications
- Michigan Works!
- Public safety (fire and police)
- SVSU Career Services
- Volunteering

Finances

- Independent Bank
- MYOI

Housing

- Bay Area Housing Incorporated
- Landlord

Identification

- Saginaw County Clerk
- Secretary of State

Transportation

- Bus station
- Insurance representative

Thank you to our fantastic
Conference Planning Committee members:

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF MICHIGAN:	Laura Mitchell and Diana Ripley (CO-CHAIRS), Ashley King, Tanya Maki, and Kristy Watson
FOSTER CARE ALUMNI:	Sheila VanWert
SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY:	Jim McEvilly, JoAnn Niedecken, Sheila VanWert
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VOLUNTEER:	Chris Durocher

Frequently asked questions

Do I need a chaperone? All youth under the age of 18 must have a chaperone at all times, including overnight. It is strongly recommended that youth ages 18+ also have a chaperone. **A minimum of one adult chaperone to three youth is required throughout the conference.** Dorm suites sleep up to eight 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. The chaperone is required to fulfill all the responsibilities outlined in the Chaperone Agreement.

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 \$130 for each registrant and includes: all workshop materials; dinner and evening activities on Tuesday; breakfast (for those who arrived on Tuesday evening), 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, 2015, 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 *chaperone's travel costs only—mileage, meals (\$85 of the \$130 fee is for meals) and overnight room.* YIT funds CANNOT be used for chaperone's cost of registration for the conference (\$45 of the \$130 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: Imitc@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 and toiletries. Linens and towels are provided. The on-campus dorms are air conditioned. See



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Registration Form for dorm room costs. Alternatively, **off-site hotel locations are available nearby at participants' own expense** (see inset on this page for suggestions).

What if I have to cancel my registration? All cancellations must be submitted in writing via email to Laura Mitchell, Imitc@LSSM.org. Written cancellations received and verified on or before June 1, 2015, will be refunded, less a \$25 fee. No refunds will be issued after June 1, 2015. If you are unable to attend, please notify LSSM in Grand Rapids—(616) 356-1934 or (800) 886-5776—if 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 SVSU campus rules and local laws for the duration of the conference.

Area hotels It is highly recommended that youth and their chaperone stay in the dorm on campus so youth can experience college campus living. Overnight expenses for youth and chaperones off-campus are not eligible for YIT funding.

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

If you prefer overnight accommodations in a nearby hotel, below are options with special SVSU room rates. Reservations and payment must be made directly with the hotel; **tell them you are with the 2015 Michigan Teen Conference at Saginaw Valley State University.** Reserve your room early to assure space is available (tax is additional). **Full payment for hotel is the responsibility of the person/group. No hotel charges will be paid by the conference.**

AmericInn Motel & Suites

3915 Three Mile Road, Bay City 48706
(989) 671-0071 • SVSU rate: \$85.90/night plus tax

Comfort Suites, 5180 Fashion square Blvd., Saginaw 48603
(989) 797-8000 • SVSU rate: \$80/night plus tax

Fairfield Inn, 5200 Fashion Square Blvd., Saginaw 48603
(989) 797-6100 • SVSU rate: \$75/night plus tax

Four Points Hotel, Saginaw By Sheraton

4960 Towne Centre Road, Saginaw 48604; shuttle service available
(989) 790-5050 • SVSU rate: \$89/night plus tax

Hampton Inn Saginaw

2222 Tittabawassee Road, Saginaw 48604
(989) 792-7666 • SVSU rate: \$79/night plus tax

SpringHill Suites—Marriott

5270 Fashion Square Blvd., Saginaw 48604
(989) 792-2800 • SVSU rate: \$84/night plus tax

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The **Michigan Teen Conference** is offering the opportunity for businesses, programs and individuals 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(s) 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 lmitch@LSSM.org; (616) 356-1934.

Organization/company name:
Contact person:
Title:
Mailing address:
Phone:
Fax:
E-mail:
Website:

All sponsors must provide camera-ready artwork (logo) in hi-resolution digital format (jpg, pdf, eps, gif or tif) no later than **April 30, 2015**. E-mail the file to Laura Mitchell, lmitch@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**.

Sponsor selection (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Keynote – \$1,500 The KEYNOTE SPONSOR will receive: <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition in printed materials and signage. <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity to provide sponsor's pre-printed material (brochures, coupons, etc.) for conference bags.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flash Drive – \$2,000 Each FLASH DRIVE SPONSOR will receive: <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition in printed materials and signage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference T-Shirt – \$750 Each CONFERENCE T-SHIRT SPONSOR will receive: <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition in printed materials and signage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Bottle – \$600 The WATER BOTTLE SPONSOR will receive: <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition in printed materials and signage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference Bag – \$800 The CONFERENCE BAG SPONSOR will receive: <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition in printed materials and signage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Donation Sponsor in the amount of \$ <input type="text"/> Each CONFERENCE FINANCIAL SPONSOR will receive: <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition in printed materials and signage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	How many: <input type="text"/> Prize – \$150 or item =/+ value Each PRIZE SPONSOR will receive: <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition in printed materials and signage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	How many: <input type="text"/> Youth – \$150 each Each YOUTH SPONSOR will receive: <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition in printed materials and signage. <input type="checkbox"/> The reward of knowing a youth attended the conference because of your financial support.
<input type="checkbox"/>	How many: <input type="text"/> Activity – \$50 each Each ACTIVITY SPONSOR will receive: <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition in printed materials and signage.
Conference Program Support Message Your message of support will appear in the printed conference program and may include company logo and camera-ready digital artwork but no "advertising." Company logo will appear on signage.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	FULL PAGE – \$150 Artwork size 7.5"w x 10"h
<input type="checkbox"/>	HALF PAGE – \$75 Artwork size 7.5"w x 4.75"h
<input type="checkbox"/>	QUARTER PAGE – \$40 Artwork size 3.5"w x 4.75"h
<input type="checkbox"/>	How many: <input type="text"/> Individual Support of the Michigan Teen Conference – \$25 each Name(s) will appear in the conference program as special supporter(s) of the Michigan Teen Conference! <u>Write here (or attach a list) as you wish the name(s) to appear:</u>
Total amount due: \$ <input type="text"/>	

PAYMENT FOR SPONSORSHIP is due by April 30, 2015.

- Check enclosed for total amount due.
- Check will be mailed for total amount due.
- Total amount due will be paid by credit card by calling Sonia Bankston of LSSM at (313) 308-8827.

Use this Registration Form

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Use this form to calculate costs for requesting YIT or MYOI or private funds.

TO REGISTER BY MAIL, complete and send this form to LSSM, 207 E. Fulton, 4th Floor, Grand Rapids MI 49503
TO REGISTER BY FAX, complete and fax this form to fax (616) 356-5779.

ALSO REQUIRED: Signed Chaperone Agreement, Consent Forms for youth, and full payment must be received by LSSM by May 30, 2015.

Questions? Contact Laura Mitchell at LSSM limitc@LSSM.org or (800) 886-5776.

Registration should be completed by the Private Agency or DHS Staff or Caregiver. Type or print clearly.

Contact person				
Name:	Title:			
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; all must be the same gender.				
Chaperone A signed Chaperone Agreement is required; see separate form.				
Name:				Fee
Role/title:				\$130
Cell phone #:	E-mail:			
Youth attending A signed Consent form is required for each youth; see separate form.				
Youth's name	Circle # of times this youth has attended the Mi Teen Conf.	Age (at time of this conf.)	Circle gender	Circle fee
	Never Once Twice 3+		M F	\$130
	Never Once Twice 3+		M F	\$130
	Never Once Twice 3+		M F	\$130
Other adults/staff attending				
Name	Role/title			Circle fee
				\$130
				\$130
				\$130
On-campus dorm rooms • 8 people per suite, same gender • First come, first serve*				
Length of stay	Rate per person	# of people	Amount	
Two nights (Tues. and Wed., June 16 & 17)	\$46		\$	
One night (Wed., June 17)	\$23		\$	

*Alternatively, overnight accommodations can be made at a nearby hotel for **adults/staff other than chaperones**. Nearby hotel options with Saginaw Valley State University rates are listed on page 8 of the conference brochure.

A signed Consent for each youth attending and a signed Chaperone Agreement must be submitted with registration. The forms are provided with this brochure; one person per form; copy as needed.

Registration fee 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 the conference.

County Youth In Transition funds CAN be used to pay for the youth to attend the conference and for chaperones' travel costs only—mileage, meals (\$85 of the \$130 fee is for meals) and overnight room. YIT funds CANNOT be used for chaperones' cost of registration for the conference (\$45 of the \$130 fee). YIT funds can be accessed through the local DHS foster care worker. If your county has MYOI, consult your MYOI Coordinator for funds.

Total amount payable to

"Lutheran Social Services

of Michigan" by May 30, 2015: \$

LSSM Federal ID#: 38-1360553

After May 30, ADD \$25 to each \$130 registration...

registrants _____ x \$25 = \$

After May 30, NEW TOTAL DUE = \$

Indicate how payment will be made:

- YIT or other FUNDING REQUEST has been made to cover \$130 per YOUTH and \$85 per CHAPERONE and DORM reservations; **amount requested, if any: \$ _____.**

Payment method for the \$ _____ remaining balance:

- CHECK is being mailed.
 CREDIT CARD PAYMENT is being made via call to Sonia Bankston of LSSM at (313) 308-8827.

Cancellation policy: All cancellations must be submitted in writing via email to Laura Mitchell, limitc@LSSM.org. Written cancellations received and verified on or before June 1, 2015, will be refunded, less a \$25 fee. No refunds will be issued after June 1, 2015. 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 SVSU campus rules and local laws for the duration of the conference.



2015 Michigan Teen Conference

Take Charge of Your Journey!

Conference dates: **Wednesday-Thursday, June 17-18, 2015**

Location: **Saginaw Valley State University**

Chaperone Agreement – Signatures Required

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 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.
- ▶ 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 help my assigned youth decide which breakout sessions will best suit their needs; I will participate with my assigned youth in presentations, workshops and activities and encourage the youth to listen to instruction, try new things and be open to new experiences.**
- ▶ I understand that **this signed agreement must accompany the registration form.**
- ▶ I will officially **"check in" at the Chaperone /Onsite Contact Station** upon arrival at the Registration area of the conference.
- ▶ I understand that **cell phones should be turned off** or placed on vibrate during all 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 any desired alarm clocks, pillows and toiletries**; linens and towels are provided. The on-campus dorms are air conditioned.
- ▶ I understand that **smoking can occur ONLY in designated areas assigned by campus.**
- ▶ 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 e-mailed** to me at the e-mail address provided below.

Chaperone's printed name:
Chaperone's cell phone:
Chaperone's e-mail address:
SIGNATURE of CHAPERONE:
Date signed: ___/___/___
Agency name:
SIGNATURE of AGENCY SUPERVISOR or AGENCY DIRECTOR:
Date signed: ___/___/___

IMPORTANT

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

This form **MUST BE** either **MAILED** or **FAXED** or **E-MAILED** to LSSM (Attn: Kristy Watson) no later than **May 30, 2015.**

LSSM, 207 E. Fulton, 4th Floor, Grand Rapids MI 49503 • Fax (616) 356-5779 • E-mail kwats2@LSSM.org

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 17 & 18, 2015

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 Saginaw Valley 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)

Encouraged → *My portrait, picture, video image, photograph or any reproduction or likeness of me for promotional purposes of the Michigan Teen Conference

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 2015 Planning Committee.

*The Conference is looking for youth interested in being interviewed and/or photographed for promotional purposes for the Michigan Teen Conference.

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 **12/31/15**. **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.

Children's Services Manual FOSTER CARE – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Consent for Release of Information to Others
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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	

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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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