



## **Youth Legislative Day**

November 18, 2010

Capitol Building, Lansing

Michigan's Children in partnership with Detroit Parent Network, New Detroit Coalition and Western Michigan University (WMU) present the 2010 Youth Legislative Day as a learning experience for a diverse group of approximately 80 young people from across Michigan. The young people will receive policy-making training, and participate in a luncheon discussion with policymakers and lobbyists. They will then undertake a full afternoon working in the way legislators do in the House Chamber and committee rooms at the Capitol. The staff from our four organizations, former and current legislators, and professional lobbyists will offer models and examples to help young people and their sponsors to more fully understand the state legislative process.

### ***The Schedule:***

#### **Registration**

*Time:* 9:00 am – 10:00 am

*Location:* 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Committee Rooms, lobby area

#### **Welcome and Training**

*Time:* 10:00 am – 11:15 am

*Location:* 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Committee Rooms

Young people and their sponsors will get an overview of the day's activities. They will then spend some time learning how the policy-making process works in Lansing.

#### **Legislative Session Begins**

*Time:* 11:30 am - 11:45 pm

*Location:* 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, House of Representative Chamber

Young people will be welcomed onto the floor of the House of Representatives and begin their experience serving as legislators debating several important issues. Mock legislation will be introduced, and then youth will recess for lunch.

#### **Lunch with Policymakers**

*Time:* 11:45 am – 12:45 pm

*Location:* 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Committee Rooms

Young people and their adult sponsors have the opportunity to eat lunch with legislators and staff representing their community, candidates for office, and professional lobbyists.

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**Committee Work**

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

*Location:* 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Committee Rooms 424, 426, 428

Young people will work with current and former legislators through a legislative committee format to discuss the introduced legislation, draft their legislative testimony on the issue with professional lobbyists, and make recommendations for improvement, acceptance or rejection of the proposed legislation.

**Floor Debate**

*Time:* 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

*Location:* 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, House of Representatives Chamber

Young people will reconvene on the House Floor to debate the issues discussed in committee, and bring each piece of legislation to a vote. Professional lobbyists will continue to participate in ways that are consistent with their current legislative work.

**Evaluation/Adjournment**

*Time:* 3:15 – 3:30 pm

*Location:* 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, House of Representatives Chamber

**Guided Capitol Tours (optional)**

You are encouraged to visit the Capitol Tour Guide office for a guided tour to learn more about our State Capitol!

We want to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for their support of Michigan's Children and the 2010 Youth Legislative Day:



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