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Learning from the Experts in Youth Access: A Conversation with Young People

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This conversation has been made possible by the voices of the young people supported through the following organizations:

Association for Children's Mental Health (ACMH) provides information, support, resources, referral and advocacy for children and youth with mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders and their families. The Youth Peer Support initiative at ACMH is provided by young adults who have lived experience receiving mental health services as a youth. They provide support to other youth who are currently experiencing a serious emotional disturbance through shared activities and interventions. <http://www.acmh-mi.org/>

Communities In Schools (CIS) has been helping students achieve in school, graduate and go on to bright futures for more than 30 years. Through a network of powerful partnerships, CIS of Metropolitan Detroit has provided high-quality educational and intervention services to Metropolitan Detroit schools and after-school programs since 1995. <http://www.cisdetroit.org/>

Ozone House has provided a safe place, shelter and continued support to thousands of runaway, homeless and high-risk youth ages 10-20 in the Ann Arbor area who don't have a safe place to call home since 1969. Its programs include emergency shelter and transitional housing, meals and other basic needs support, crisis intervention and referral services, ongoing services, counseling, case management, life skills training and advocacy; street outreach and support; career training and youth development opportunities. <http://ozonehouse.org/>

Student Advocacy Center of Michigan has worked since 1975 to assist the most vulnerable students stay in school, realize their rights to a quality public education, and experience success. Services include education advocacy and support, education mentoring (Check and Connect) and youth voice work. They have a special focus on school discipline, students in foster care or experiencing homelessness, and students with mental illness or other disabilities. <http://www.studentadvocacycenter.org/>

Michigan's Children is the only statewide independent voice working to ensure that policymakers prioritize the needs of the most challenged children from cradle to career and their families – children of color, children from low-income families, and children shouldering other challenging circumstances. We have been creating opportunities for young people, parents and other community members to share their stories, concerns and suggestions directly with policymakers since 1996, and continue to find new ways to provide young people, families and the supporting professionals around them the tools that they need to advocate on their own behalf.

For more information about other opportunities to hear directly from young people or their families, please contact Michele Corey, Vice President for Programs, 517-977-0322 or michele@michiganschildren.org.