



The Michigan's Children KidSpeak at Wayne State University on Aug. 8, 2016 brought together a listening panel of elected officials, state policymakers and others to hear first-hand accounts of the experiences of youth in the foster care system. The panel included:

- Grenae Dudley, of Youth Connections
- Michelle Fecteau, of the State Board of Education and the Wayne State University AAUP/AFT
- Angela Aufdemberge, of Vista Maria
- Angelique Dieguez, representing U.S. Congressman John Conyers Jr.
- Kyle Pollet, representing U.S. Congressman Sander Levin
- Doug Skrzyniarz, a member of the Sterling Heights City Council
- Danielle Flint, of the Student Advocacy Center
- Matthew Gillard, President & CEO of Michigan's Children
- Annie Ray, of the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services
- Janet Kaley, of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Jeanette Bridges, of the State Court Administrator's Office
- Kelly Hurshe, representing U.S. Sen. Gary Peters
- Khadija Walker-Fobbs, of the Michigan Youth Opportunity Initiative

The youth who provided testimony (or testimony was provided on their behalf) included these individuals from the Wayne State University Transition to Independence Program (TIP) and its Sumer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) as well as Covenant House, a faith-based nonprofit organization serving homeless, runaway and at-risk youth:

- Samuel Cooper, WSU TIP
- Kevin Riedel, WSU TIP
- Khai Rice-Covenant house
- Kyrstin Hale, WSU TIP
- Rosalynn Green, SYEP TIP
- Kristina Clemons, SYEP TIP
- Regina Gholston, SYEP/TIP
- Renae Taylor, Covenant House