



## Capital Area Youth-Led Candidate Forum

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*Organizational Partners*



**Peckham Youth Services** provides quality, evidence-based services to court involved youth/young adults and other youth facing barriers to employment. Programs focus on vocational planning designed to equip students with the skills, training, education, and opportunities to secure a career and conquer any obstacles in the way. Students can really go anywhere from here. Peckham Inc. works to provide opportunities to maximize human potential for a person searching for independence and self-sufficiency.

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**Ingham Academy** is a day treatment program for court adjudicated youth that is operated by four agencies - Ingham County Circuit Court, Ingham Intermediate School District, Peckham and Highfields. Ingham ISD provides the educational program for children placed in the Academy by the Ingham County Circuit Court. Highfields provides behavior treatment and support to the program. This partnership between the three agencies has been in effect since 2007, providing these high-risk students a path to learning the life-skills necessary to be productive members of society while earning a high school diploma

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**Fostering Students Transforming, Achieving, and Realizing Success**, or STARS offers support and resources to foster youth alumni ages 15 to 22 to improve graduation and career

achievement rates. The Fostering STARS program provides life skills coaches, academic support, transportation assistance, specific emergency assistance, and networking opportunities. The life skills coaches are trained in providing guidance, empowerment, and improvement in all areas of life.

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**Fostering Success Michigan** aims to increase access and success in higher education and post-college careers for students with experience in foster care. They do this by providing resources and inspiration for youth and alumni of foster care across the State of Michigan. FSM works with middle school, high school, and college students to partner them with supportive adult mentors to ensure their transitions through life are easier and well supported.

<http://fosteringsuccessmichigan.com/>

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in the best interest  
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