



The New Foster Care and Caregivers Youth-and Family-Led Candidate Forum

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Organizational Partners

Forum Hosts:



The New Foster Care exists to increase awareness and make a measurable impact on the foster care system through collaboration and connection. TNFC works with faith-based organizations and the community to take immediate action through filling gaps, developing

permanent relationships and creating positive changes in the foster care system.

<http://thenewfostercare.org/>

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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://fosteringssuccessmichigan.com/>

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Additional Organizational Support for Youth and Caregivers:



Bethany Christian Services is a global nonprofit organization that brings families together and keeps families together. Strengthening families for the well-being of children is our top priority. Our services include adoption, foster care, and pregnancy counseling. We also provide counseling to families, assist refugees and immigrants resettling in the U.S., and partner with several international countries to help keep families together. <https://www.bethany.org/>



Judson Center

Judson Center is a non-profit human service agency that provides compassionate, comprehensive services to children and families throughout southeast Michigan. We have been changing fates and restoring childhoods for children who have been abused and neglected, and others who are challenged by developmental disabilities, severe emotional impairments and autism spectrum disorder. <https://www.judsoncenter.org>



VISTA MARIA

Vista Maria was founded as an orphanage in 1883 by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. The Sisters' legacy of rescuing and restoring women and children provides the foundation for the agency's mission today: to deliver innovative care, support, treatment and education so that vulnerable youth heal, believe in their worth and build the skills needed to succeed.

<https://www.vistamaria.org/>



The mission of the **Michigan Federation for Children and Families** is to unite private, nonprofit human service providers, advocates, customers, individuals and funders to influence public policy in support of children, families and individuals' reaching their full potential; identify, develop and implement efficient and effective services to Michigan's most vulnerable children and families; and support and enhance the ability of Michigan's private, nonprofit agencies to provide human services. <https://www.michfed.org/>



Oakland University is a public university located in the cities of Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills, Michigan, United States. Situated on a 1,400-acre campus, it was co-founded by Matilda Dodge Wilson and Alfred Wilson after meeting with John A. Hannah. <https://www.oakland.edu>



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Wayne State University is a public research university located in Detroit, Michigan. Founded in 1868, WSU consists of 13 schools and colleges offering nearly 350 programs for more than 27,000 graduate and undergraduate students. <https://www.wayne.edu>



*Public policy
in the best interest
of children.*

Michigan's Children is the only statewide, multi-issue advocacy organization focused solely on public policy in the best interest of children from cradle to career and their

families. We have been creating opportunities for young people and caregivers to share their stories, concerns and suggestions directly with policymakers since 1996. As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, our forums are presented as a non-partisan activity.

<http://www.michiganschildren.org/>

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