

In 2014, an estimated  
415,129 youth were in  
foster care around the  
country  
(AFCARS Report, 2015)



Of those, 22,392 youth  
transitioned from the foster  
care system through  
emancipation or aging out.

(AFCARS Report, 2015)

For those youth  
transitioning out of foster  
care, getting to and  
through college  
successfully can be  
difficult without needed  
supports in place



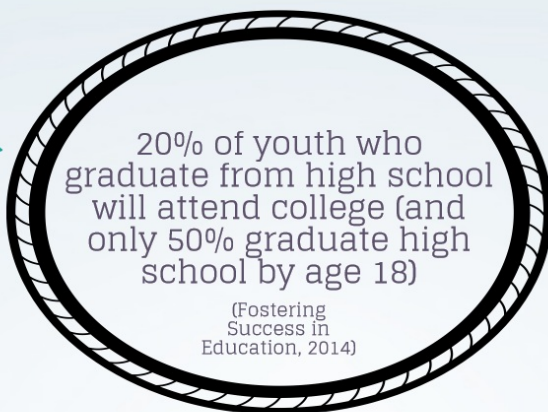
84% of youth,  
ages 17-18,  
with experience in  
foster care report  
wanting to go to  
college

(Fostering Success in  
Education, 2014)



20% of youth who  
graduate from high school  
will attend college (and  
only 50% graduate high  
school by age 18)

(Fostering  
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Education, 2014)



Youth with experience in  
foster care are up to 8  
times less likely to earn  
a college degree,  
compared to the general  
population.

(Wolanin, 2005)



So what is the  
cost of doing  
nothing?

On average, for every young person  
who ages out of foster care,  
taxpayers and communities pay  
\$300,000 in social costs (like public  
assistance and incarceration)

(Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, 2013)



This equals = \$6.7 BILLION for the total  
22,392 youth who aged out of foster  
care this year

(AFCARS Report, 2015) (U.S. Department of Education, 2015)

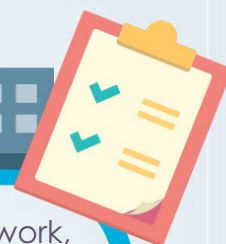
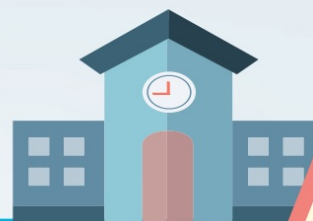
What can be  
done?

Tremendous return on  
investment can be  
achieved by providing  
effective services and  
supports. Take a look at  
what's happening in  
Michigan to improve  
outcomes for youth with  
experience in foster care.





# Building a Supportive Educational Pipeline for Youth from Foster Care in Michigan

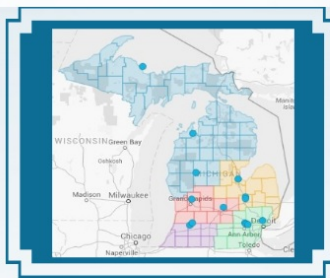


In Michigan, there are approximately 6300 youth aged 18-25 with experience in foster care. A variety of resources exist to help these students get to and through college, but many don't know about them or how to access them.

(State of Michigan, 2015)

In 2012, Fostering Success Michigan (FSM) was established as a statewide initiative that aims to increase access and success in the education to career pipeline for students from foster care in Michigan.

Within the FSM Network, campus-based support programs offer support to students with experience in foster care via tuition assistance, campus housing, life skills coaching, meal plans and more.



In 2016, 496 students received ETV totaling \$1,497,875--94% of these students attended public colleges and universities in Michigan.

(Samaritas, 2016)

As of Fall 2016, a total of 16 campus-based support programs plus an additional 7+ Designated Campus Champions exist in Michigan to support students across the state.

From 2016, 1,265 students were supported by campus-based support programs in Michigan, and over 157 students have graduated!



During the 2016 school year, the Fostering Futures Scholarship was awarded to 641 students in Michigan, totaling \$931,571.

(Student Scholarships and Grants, 2016)

## A Snapshot of Student SUCCESS in Michigan

- ▲ Attended Foster Youth Shadow Day in DC
- Internships with the Congressional Caucus on Adoption
- Students led advocacy efforts and spoke at the White House "Beat the Odds" Summit
- Personal victories included moving into first apartment, saving money for a car, and maintaining a budget!

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Share this info with students!
2. Get to know the campus based support programs in your community!
3. Advocate for increased resources for students from foster care!

Visit:  
[www.FosteringSuccessMichigan.com](http://www.FosteringSuccessMichigan.com)  
to learn more!

While we have had lots of success...you can help us do more!