



Postsecondary Education Access and Success for Youth from Foster Care: A National Overview



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



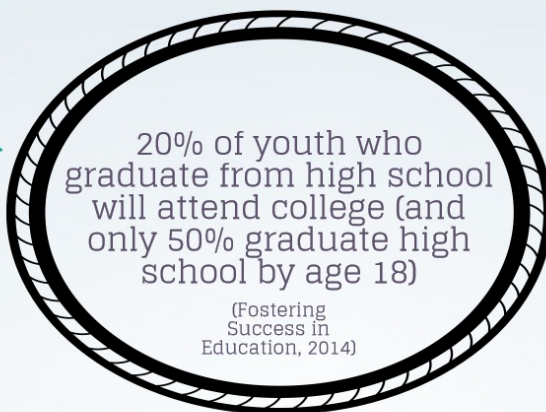
84% of youth,
ages 17-18,
with experience in
foster care report
wanting to go to
college

(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
Success in
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)

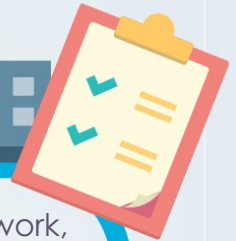
What can be done?

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

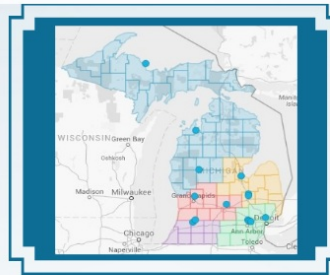


In Michigan, there are approximately 6300 youth aged 18-25 with experience in foster care. A variety of resources exist to help these students get to and through college, but many don't know about them or how to access them.

(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
to learn more!

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