

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



FSM 3rd Annual Summit Student Summit

Identity Development

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Introductions



- Name
- Age
- Year in School
- Favorite Breakfast
Cereal/Breakfast food

Ice Breaker-Collective Poem



“Once I Was...”

We will take turns on filling in the blank to complete the following sentences:

Once I was _____

Once I was _____

Once I was _____

Now I am _____

After the poem is complete, we’ll read it and copies will be made for everyone to have.

Ground Rules and Objectives



- **Everything said is to remain confidential**
- **You have the choice to share what you want (or don't want)**
- **No 'war-story' telling**
- **Honor the group and be considerate**
- **Remain present**
- **No side bar conversations**
- **Have fun and be creative**

Mission Objectives



- We want you to leave here with the feeling that your whole self is acknowledged. (**Not just foster care experience**)
- We want you to identify at least one goal for future.
- We want you to participate in effective storytelling through a collective poem, structured storytelling in small groups, use one of the mediums provided, and reflect on the story as a large group.
- We want you to understand that you are the authors of your own story and to “peel back the label of foster kid”.



Foundation of Story Telling

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Story of Self



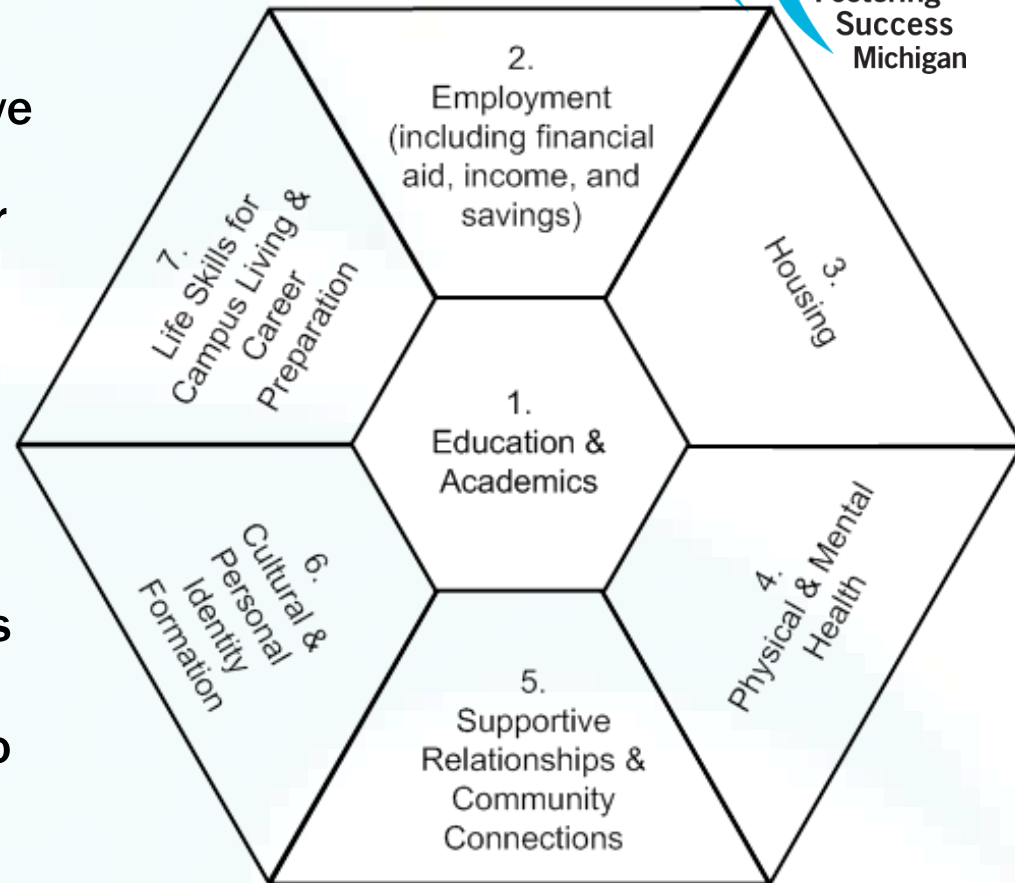
You will have 5 minutes to work individually to think about the questions below. Once the time is up, in your small groups (no more than 5 people) – you will each have the opportunity to share your story of self, but you only have 2 minutes! After the time is up, you will have to stop and the next person will share their story.

- **(Past) Where have you been?**
- **(Present) Where are you?**
- **(Future) Where are you going?**

Story of Now

Storytelling through using three creative mediums – you have the choice of picking between creatively writing your story, drawing your story, or by using magazine cut outs to create a collage. You will each be given a piece of card stock for you to tell your story of now.

- (Beginning) What is the current challenge you are facing?
- (Middle) What is your goal or values to overcome this challenge?
- (End) What is your ideal outcome to this challenge?





Break!
Be Back by 2:30!

Silent Gallery



When you are finished, please display your work along the wall. When everyone is finished, we will all take a few moments to review the collective work and come up with common themes.

Story of Us



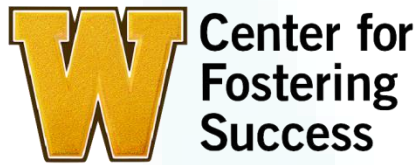
Large group discussion and closing
What values and experiences do we share as a community that make us understand one another and act together toward common goals?

- **Looking for 1 overall theme.**

What's Your 1 Thing?



After being an active participant in this year's student summit, what is your "1 Thing" that you will do to help transform your life? Or, think about what is your individual goal to targeting your ideal future? Your goal can be your "1 Thing"



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