



FOSTERING SUCCESS MICHIGAN **Toolkit** WEBINAR SERIES

Providing professionals and supportive adults with tools to increase knowledge, skill, and social capacity to support youth with experience in foster care.



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A special welcome to our guest and expert!

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Today on the FSM Toolkit Webinar Series...



The FSM College Application Toolkit... Your College Application EASY Button!

This toolkit is great for:

Students, Professionals, Supportive Adults

Goals for webinar:

- Learn how to use the College Application Toolkit on FSM's website
- Increase knowledge about the college application process and the resources available to get prepared

Don't forget to use the questions or chat feature during the presentation to interact! We want to hear from you!





Defining the Problem: Challenges Faced by Youth with Experience in Foster Care in Getting to College

Research indicates that while 70 percent of youth aging out of foster care desire to go to college (Courtney, Terao, & Bost, 2004), only about 20 percent of college-qualified youth from foster care enroll, compared to 60 percent of general population (Wolanin, 2005).





Academic Preparedness

- **52% of students who have experienced foster care read below grade level, compared to 38% of the overall population (Lesnick, Goerge, Smithgall, & Gwynne, 2010).**



School Stability

- More than one-third of foster children reported having five or more school changes during their time in care (Courtney, Terao, & Bost, 2004).
- Reducing the number of placement changes per year by one almost doubled the likelihood that foster children would graduate from high school before leaving care (Pecora et al, 2003).

**Support from adults and professionals is
IMPERATIVE!**



Ask The Expert!

When should a student start preparing for the college application process?



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Ask The Expert!

What are some common challenges faced by students during the admissions process?





Ask The Expert!

College Application Fee Waiver: NACAC Form

nacacnet.org/studentinfo/feewaiver/Pages/default.aspx





Ask The Expert!

How important is an essay? Can you talk about how a student can begin the writing process?





Ask The Expert!

What are other ways students can engage to receive support through the admissions process?





Toolkit Review

College Application Toolkit





Questions & Answers

We welcome your questions and comments! Using your control panel on the right side of your screen, you may use the chat or questions function.





We need your feedback!



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