

**REGISTER TODAY!**

***Take Charge!***  
**2018 Michigan Teen Conference**

**Wednesday-Thursday June 20-21, 2018**  
**at Saginaw Valley State University**



**Promote this event with foster youth and secure funding now!**

**Funding sources: YIT • MYOI • Private fund raising**



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## 2018 Michigan Teen Conference

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Do you know a youth in Foster Care or Independent Living or Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care who needs to learn about money management, employment, educational opportunities, health and wellness, or housing? If you do, then help them begin the registration process for the **2018 Michigan Teen Conference**.

Youth must be ages 14 to 21 and in Foster Care or Independent Living or Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care. Youth with an open Juvenile Justice case, and no Abuse/Neglect case, are eligible to attend the conference if they are YIT eligible. In order to be YIT eligible, the youth has to be placed in an eligible placement under the supervision of MDHHS (see FOM 950 for further details).

If attendees are under the age of 18, a chaperone **MUST** attend the conference with them and accompany them at all times. Caretakers of the youth and professionals who work with teens are also invited. Attendees will sharpen their understanding of what is available and required for foster youth to make the challenging transition to adult life.

## PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO UPDATES)

<b>Tues., June 19</b>	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Dinner available
	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Early check-in for residence hall
	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Early check-in for conference
	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Recreation/entertainment options
<b>Wed., June 20</b>	7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Early check-in for residence hall
	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Early check-in for conference
	10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Opening remarks
	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Keynote presentation</b>
	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
	1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	<b>Workshop A</b>
	2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Break
	2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>Walk Through Life</b>
	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>General session</b>
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Dinner	
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Recreation/entertainment options	
<b>Thurs. June 21</b>	7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast
	7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Check-out for residence hall
	9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Opening remarks
	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>Workshop B</b>
	10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break
	10:45 AM - 11:45 PM	<b>Youth Panel</b>
	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>General session</b>
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Closing and prizes	

## DETAILS COMING SOON

(WORKSHOP RFP DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2018)

### What attendees have said about the Michigan Teen Conference:

Everything was spot on! • Inspiring • I like this, I would love to come again.

### What I liked best about the conference:

Talking to people who want to help us • Meeting other kids • Variety of speakers  
Useful information • Everything • Activities



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and  
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## Frequently asked questions

**Do I need a chaperone? YES!** *All youth under the age of 18 must have a chaperone at all times, including overnight. A minimum of one adult chaperone to three youth is required throughout the conference.* Dorm rooms sleep up to four individuals; therefore, same-sex chaperones will be needed. Chaperones must be identified on the registration form.

**What is a chaperone responsible for?** Chaperones are required to supervise up to three youth under age 18 attending the conference. *A signed agreement for each chaperone attending must be submitted with the registration.* The agreement form is provided with this brochure and explains the chaperone's responsibilities throughout the conference. One chaperone per form; copy as needed.

**Do I need to sign a consent form?** *Yes, a signed consent form for each youth attending must be submitted with the registration.* The consent form is provided with this brochure; one youth per form; copy as needed.

**How much does it cost to attend?** The **registration fee** is \$135 for each registrant and includes: all workshop materials; dinner and evening activities on Tuesday; breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening activities on Wednesday; and breakfast and lunch on Thursday. Fees must be paid prior to attending the conference. **Overnight room charges** are in addition to the registration fee (see separate question). Registrations submitted after May 30, 2018, require an additional \$25 per person.

**Are there funding sources that can help pay for my registration? YES!**

- County **Youth In Transition (YIT)** funds CAN be used to pay for youth to attend the conference. YIT funds can be used for *chaperone's travel costs only*. YIT funds can be accessed through the local MDHHS foster care worker.
- This conference is an **Approved Asset Training**, thus, county **Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative (MYOI)** funding CAN be used to pay for youth to attend the conference. If your county has MYOI, consult your MYOI Coordinator for funds.
- If youth are not eligible for YIT or MYOI funding, workers are encouraged to assist youth in raising funds to cover their cost of attending.

**Where do I sleep?** Overnight accommodations will be available in on-campus dorm rooms for youth and their chaperones. Bring an alarm clock, fan and toiletries. Linens and towels are provided. Alternatively, **off-site hotel locations are available nearby at participants' own expense** (see inset for suggestions). See Registration Form for dorm room costs.



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**What if I have to cancel my registration?** All cancellations must be submitted in writing. Those received and verified on or before June 1, 2018, will be refunded, less a \$25 fee. No refunds will be issued after June 1, 2018. If you are unable to attend, please notify Kristy Watson at Samaritas in Grand Rapids—(616) 356-1934 or (800) 886-5776—if you will send someone in your place.

**Am I liable for any damages I may cause?**

**YES,** you are financially responsible for any damages incurred by yourself to any portion of the facilities in use by the conference. You are also agreeing to be responsible for abiding by SVSU campus rules and local laws for the duration of the conference.

**Area hotels** It is highly recommended that youth and their chaperone stay in the dorm on campus so youth can experience college campus living. **Overnight expenses for youth and chaperones off-campus are not eligible for YIT funding.**

**IMPORTANT: Youth and chaperones are expected to stay together in the same overnight room.**

**If you prefer overnight accommodations in a nearby hotel,** nearby options are available. Reservations and payment must be made directly with the hotel. Reserve your room early to assure space is available (tax is additional). **Full payment for hotel is the responsibility of the person/group. No hotel charges will be paid by the conference.**

Special Teen Conference rates are offered at:

Fairfield Inn and Suites  
5200 Fashion Square Blvd  
Saginaw MI 48604  
989-787-6100  
Conference rate: TBA

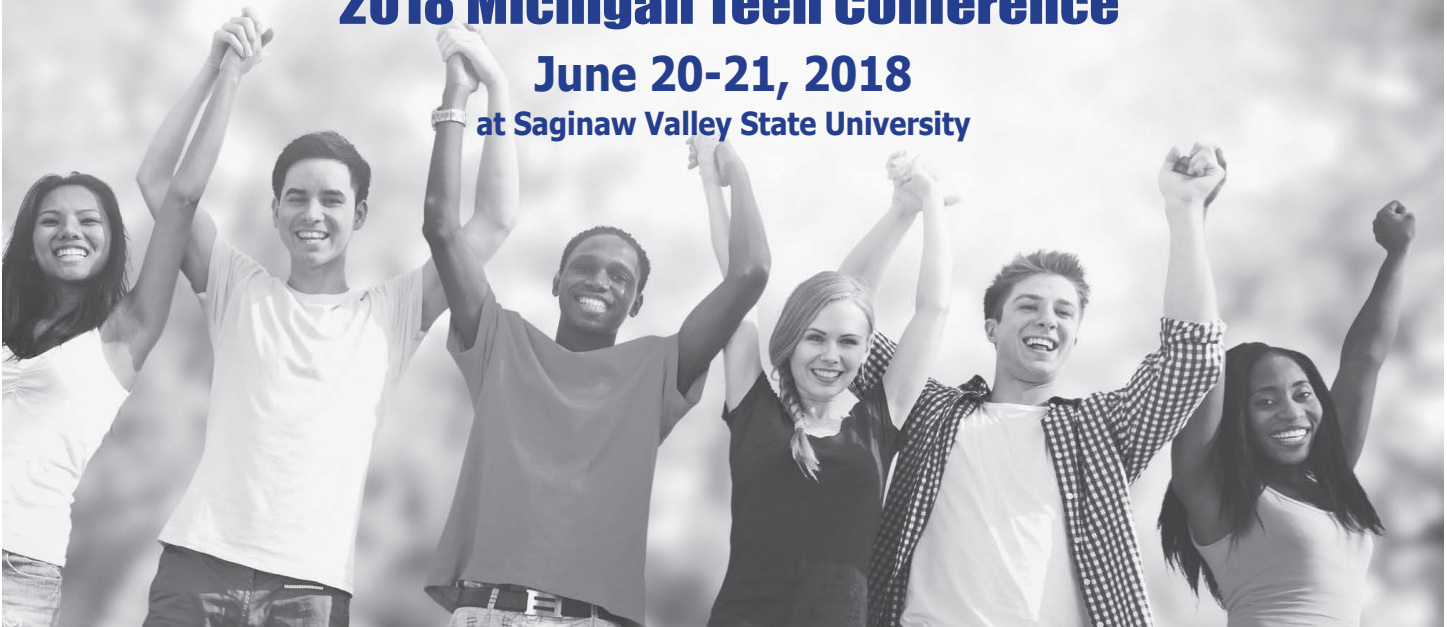
Holiday Inn Express  
2501 Tittabawassee Rd  
Saginaw, MI 48604  
989-792-7500  
Conference rate: \$99 per night plus tax

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### EARLY SPONSORS INCLUDE:

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Fostering Success Michigan

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services–Youth In Transition

Michigan Department of Treasury–Student Scholarships and Grants

Michigan Federation for Children & Families

Saginaw Valley State University

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**2018 Michigan Teen  
Conference T-Shirts**

**will feature the  
winning design of**

**Rikki M.  
of Lenawee County**

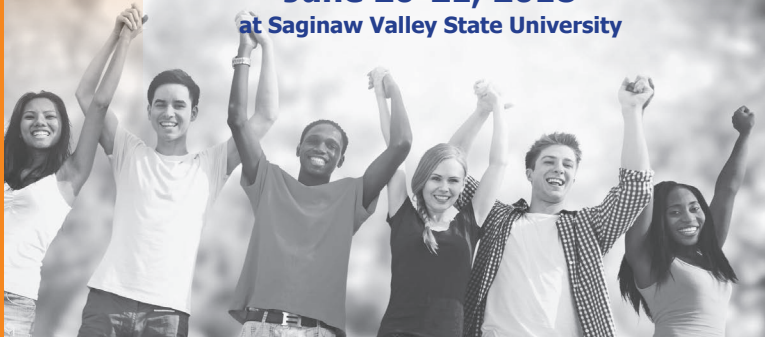
Congratulations to runner-up  
Lynn W. of Calhoun County

**Thank you to all  
who entered designs!**

**Watch for the 2019 MTC  
T-Shirt Design Challenge  
at the 2018 conference!**

# Sponsor Form

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The **Michigan Teen Conference** is offering the opportunity for businesses, programs and individuals to support teens as they prepare to exit foster care and become successful adults! As a sponsor, you will have the opportunity to promote your business and let your community know how **youth-friendly** your services are.

Please consider which sponsor option(s) best suit your idea of promotional interests through this gesture of support. **If you have questions or another idea for sponsorship, please contact Conference Planning Committee Co-Chair Laura Mitchell. She can be reached at [Imitc@samaritas.org](mailto:Imitc@samaritas.org) and (616) 222-6074.**

Organization/company name:
Contact person:
Title:
Mailing address:
Phone:
Fax:
Email:
Website:

All sponsors must provide camera-ready artwork (logo) in hi-resolution digital format (jpg, pdf, eps, gif or tiff) no later than **May 30, 2018**. Email the file to **Laura Mitchell, [Imitc@samaritas.org](mailto:Imitc@samaritas.org)**.

PREFERRED SUBMISSION METHOD:  
Scan/email completed form to

**[MichiganTeenConference@samaritas.org](mailto:MichiganTeenConference@samaritas.org)**

Send payment no later than May 30 to conference fiduciary:  
**Samaritas, 207 E. Fulton, 4th Floor • Grand Rapids MI 49503**  
Questions? Email **[MichiganTeenConference@samaritas.org](mailto:MichiganTeenConference@samaritas.org)**  
or contact Kristy Watson at Samaritas in  
Grand Rapids, (616) 356-1934 or (800) 886-5776

### Sponsor selection (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Keynote – \$1,000 - \$4,000</b> The KEYNOTE SPONSORS will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recognition in printed materials and signage.</li> <li>■ Opportunity to provide sponsor's pre-printed material (brochures, coupons, etc.) for conference bags.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Session – \$500</b> The KEYNOTE SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recognition in printed materials and signage.</li> <li>■ Opportunity to provide sponsor's pre-printed material (brochures, coupons, etc.) for conference bags.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Conference Padfolios – \$2,000</b> The PADFOLIO SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recognition in printed materials and signage.</li> <li>■ Opportunity to have sponsor's logo printed on padfolio.</li> <li>■ Opportunity to provide sponsor's pre-printed material (brochures, coupons, etc.) for conference bags.</li> </ul> <span style="color: green; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">NEW!</span>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Flash Drive – \$1,500</b> Each FLASH DRIVE SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recognition in printed materials and signage.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Conference T-Shirt – \$750</b> Each CONFERENCE T-SHIRT SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recognition in printed materials and signage.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Movie Sponsor – \$500-\$1,000</b> The MOVIE SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recognition in printed materials and signage.</li> </ul> <span style="color: green; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">NEW!</span>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Water Bottle – \$750</b> The WATER BOTTLE SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recognition in printed materials and signage.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Conference Bag – \$500</b> The CONFERENCE BAG SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recognition in printed materials and signage.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial Donation Sponsor in the amount of \$</b> <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> Each CONFERENCE FINANCIAL SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recognition in printed materials and signage.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Prize – \$150 or item =/+ value</b> Each PRIZE SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recognition in printed materials and signage.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Youth – \$150 each</b> Each YOUTH SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recognition in printed materials and signage.</li> <li>■ The reward of knowing a youth attended the conference because of your financial support.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Activity – \$50 each</b> Each ACTIVITY SPONSOR will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recognition in printed materials and signage.</li> </ul>
<b>Conference Program Support Message</b> Your message of support will appear in the printed conference program and may include company logo and camera-ready digital artwork but no "advertising." Company logo will appear on signage.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FULL PAGE – \$150</b> Artwork size 7.5"w x 10"h
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>HALF PAGE – \$75</b> Artwork size 7.5"w x 4.75"h
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>QUARTER PAGE – \$40</b> Artwork size 3.5"w x 4.75"h
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Individual Support of the Michigan Teen Conference – \$25 each</b> Name(s) will appear in the conference program as special supporter(s) of the Michigan Teen Conference! <u>Write here (or attach a list) as you wish the name(s) to appear:</u>
<b>Total amount due: \$</b> <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	

# Registration Form

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Use this form to calculate costs for requesting YIT funds.

**Registrations and full payment must be received by Samaritas by May 30, 2018.**

Copy this form  
as needed.

**PREFERRED REGISTRATION METHOD:** Scan/email completed form and attachments to [MichiganTeenConference@samaritas.org](mailto:MichiganTeenConference@samaritas.org).

**TO REGISTER BY MAIL,** complete and send this form to **Samaritas, 207 E. Fulton, 4th Floor, Grand Rapids MI 49503.**

**TO REGISTER BY FAX,** complete and fax this form to **fax (616) 356-5779.**

Questions about registration: email [MichiganTeenConference@samaritas.org](mailto:MichiganTeenConference@samaritas.org) or call Kristy Watson at (616) 356-1934, (800) 886-5776.

Questions about the conference: contact Diana Ripley, [dripl@samaritas.org](mailto:dripl@samaritas.org), (517) 395-2338.

**Registration should be completed by the Private Agency or MDHHS Staff or Caregiver. Type or print clearly.**

Contact person							
Name:			Title:				
MDHHS office or private agency:							
Agency address:							
City/state/zip code:							
Telephone:			Fax number:				
Email address for contact person:							
<b>One chaperone is required for every three youth; all must be the same gender.</b>							
<b>Chaperone A signed Chaperone Agreement is required; see separate form.</b>							
Name:					Fee		
Role/title:					<b>\$135</b>		
Cell phone #:			Email:				
<b>Youth attending A signed Consent form is required for each youth; see separate form.</b>							
Youth's name	Interested in campus tour	Circle # of times this youth has attended the Mi Teen Conf.			Age (at time of this conference)	Circle gender	Circle fee
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never	Once	Twice	3+	M F	<b>\$135</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never	Once	Twice	3+	M F	<b>\$135</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never	Once	Twice	3+	M F	<b>\$135</b>
<b>Other adults/staff attending</b>							
Name		Role/title			Circle fee		
					<b>\$135</b>		
					<b>\$135</b>		
					<b>\$135</b>		
<b>On-campus dorm rooms • 4 people per room, same gender • First come, first serve*</b>							
Length of stay		Rate per person	# of people		Amount		
Two nights (Tuesday and Wednesday, June 19 & 20)		<b>\$46</b>			<b>\$</b>		

**A signed Consent for each youth attending and a signed Chaperone Agreement must be submitted with registration. The forms are provided with this brochure; one person per form; copy as needed.**

Registration fee includes all workshop materials; dinner and evening activities on Tuesday; breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening activities on Wednesday; and breakfast and lunch on Thursday. Fees must be paid prior to the conference.

**County Youth In Transition funds CAN be used to pay for the youth to attend the conference and for chaperones' travel costs only—mileage, meals (\$90 of the \$135 fee is for meals) and overnight room. YIT funds CANNOT be used for chaperones' cost of registration for the conference (\$45 of the \$135 fee). YIT funds can be accessed through the local MDHHS foster care worker. If your county has MYOI, consult your MYOI Coordinator for funds.**

**Total amount payable to "Samaritas"**

**by May 30, 2018:**

\$

**Samaritas Federal ID#: 38-1360553**

**After May 30, ADD \$25 to each \$135 registration...**

**# registrants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$**

**After May 30, NEW TOTAL DUE = \$**

**Indicate how payment will be made:**

YIT or other FUNDING REQUEST has been made to cover \$135 per YOUTH and \$90 per CHAPERONE and DORM reservations; **amount requested, if any: \$** \_\_\_\_\_.

CHECK will be mailed for the \$ \_\_\_\_\_ remaining balance.

**Cancellation policy: All cancellations must be submitted in writing. Written cancellations received and verified on or before June 1, 2018, will be refunded, less a \$25 fee. No refunds will be issued after June 1, 2018.** If you are unable to attend, please email [MichiganTeenConference@samaritas.org](mailto:MichiganTeenConference@samaritas.org) or notify Kristy Watson at Samaritas in Grand Rapids—(616) 356-1934 or (800) 886-5776 or—that you will send someone in your place.

**Liability policy:** By registering to attend the conference, you are agreeing to be financially responsible for any damages incurred by yourself to any portion of the facilities in use by the conference. You are also agreeing to be responsible for abiding by SVSU campus rules and local laws for the duration of the conference.



**Early arrival Tuesday, June 19**  
**Conference on Wednesday-Thursday, June 20-21, 2018**  
 Location: **Saginaw Valley State University**

## Chaperone & Onsite Contact Agreement – Signatures Required

**A**s a chaperone responsible for up to three youth throughout this conference, I attest to the fact that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the following procedures and protocols:

- **I will provide supervision for my assigned youth AT ALL TIMES during:**
  - general and workshop sessions;
  - meals and break times;
  - recreational activities (offered both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings)
- **I will provide supervision, as needed, during night-time hours in the dormitory rooms.**
- As a chaperone, **my primary role** is to provide supervision of my assigned youth and **to help these youth learn and enjoy themselves** at the conference. This is a new experience for many of the teens, and I understand that I am their key resource and leader.
- **As a role model for the youth**, my positive attitude and enthusiasm will greatly enhance the youths' experiences at the conference. **I will help my assigned youth decide which breakout sessions will best suit their needs; I will participate with my assigned youth in presentations, workshops and activities and encourage the youth to listen to instruction, try new things and be open to new experiences.**
- I understand that **this signed agreement must accompany the registration form.**
- I will officially **"check in" at the Chaperone/Onsite Contact Station** upon arrival at the Registration area of the conference.

- I understand that **cell phones should be turned off** or placed on vibrate during all sessions.
- I understand that **overnight accommodations** for youth and chaperones will consist of an **on-campus dorm room** and that we will need to **bring any desired alarm clocks, fans, pillows and toiletries**; linens and towels are provided.
- I understand that **smoking can occur ONLY in designated areas assigned by campus.**
- I understand that **I must secure all oral medicines, prescription and non-prescription medicines, in their original containers**, or keep them on my person at all times. (Please do not leave unsecured medicines in the dormitory.)
- I understand that **directions to conference location and parking information will be emailed** to me at the email address provided below.

Chaperone's printed name:
Chaperone's cell phone:
Chaperone's email address:
SIGNATURE of CHAPERONE:
Date signed: ____/____/____
Agency name:
SIGNATURE of AGENCY SUPERVISOR or AGENCY DIRECTOR:
Date signed: ____/____/____

**IMPORTANT**

Please keep one copy of this signed Agreement for your organization's records and attach one to the Michigan Teen Conference Registration Form.

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## Michigan Teen Conference Consent to Use of Name or Photo or Interview

Intended use: **Michigan Teen Conference**

Dates: **June 20-21, 2018**

**REGISTRATION:** I give my permission to the Michigan Teen Conference and its Planning Committee to use my name and information about myself and the circumstances of my relationship with the Michigan Teen Conference for registration tracking prior to and during the conference, and accounts receivable billing after the conference, as deemed appropriate by the Conference Planning Committee.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS:** I give my permission to the Michigan Teen Conference and its Planning Committee to use my name and information about myself and the circumstances of my relationship with Michigan Teen Conference for room assignment and monitoring at the designated residence hall at Saginaw Valley State University.

**MEDIA USE:** I release the Michigan Teen Conference and its Planning Committee from any liability relating to the use of my name, likeness, words and/or voice or information about the circumstances of my relationship to the conference. I understand that I will not be paid for the use of my name, and that I do not have the right to inspect or further approve the use to which my name, likeness, words and/or voice may be applied. Unless I opt out by checking a box or boxes below, I consent to use of any or all of the following:

- My portrait, picture, video image, photograph or any reproduction or likeness of me [check here  to opt out]
- Quotation of my remarks [check here  to opt out]
- Audio recording of my voice [check here  to opt out]

Youth's Name (please type or print legibly):	Youth's Signature:
Youth's Address:	Daytime Phone:
Agency Name or MDHHS County Office:	
<b>Personal Representative for Minor Child:</b>	
Name of Personal Representative (please type or print legibly)	
Signature of Personal Representative:	Date:

For recipients of Department of Health and Human Services-funded services, this permission expires on **12/31/18**.

**This consent form is required for all youth who attend the Michigan Teen Conference for items that are identified above with a check mark.** Other items of consent are at the sole discretion of the person legally responsible for the youth. Please see box at the right for list of persons responsible to sign this consent.

### Children's Foster Care Manual FOSTER CARE – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Consent for Release of Information to Others  
FOM 722-4 (page 3 of 5)

Type of Care/Legal Status	Authorizing Party
Temporary court ward	Court/judge or parent/legal guardian
Permanent court ward	Court/judge
State ward (Act 220)	MDHHS monitor*
State ward (Act 296)	MDHHS monitor*
Voluntary foster care	Parent/legal guardian
MCI-O	MDHHS monitor*
OTI foster care	Sending state authority/court
Child placed out of state	Michigan authority supervising child
*For this conference only	

**IMPORTANT** Please keep one copy of this signed Agreement in the youth's file and attach one to the Michigan Teen Conference Registration Form.  
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