

SHARED YOUTH VISION PILOT PROJECTS

STATE: MICHIGAN

PROJECT TITLE: Foster Youth in Transition Local Implementation Pilot

TARGET POPULATION: Foster care youth, ages 14-25

GEOGRAPHIC AREA: Southeast Michigan, including Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair and Wayne counties

FUNDING: \$116,000

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The Michigan Youth Forum Committee (MYFC), Michigan's Shared Youth Vision state team, will build a state and local infrastructure to ensure collaboration and coordination of services to the state's neediest youth. A collaborative effort at the state level has identified barriers for youth transitioning out of foster care and developed strategies to address the barriers to employment, education, development and leadership, and supportive relationships. With the state collaboration in place, the MYFC plans to build an infrastructure at the service-delivery level to implement these strategies. The pilot project will focus on foster youth in the five-county Region 1 area. It will develop an inventory of foster youth stakeholders and services available to foster youth in the pilot region. Stakeholders will then be convened to develop and implement an improved service delivery plan in the pilot area. All partners will coordinate to provide report of the results from the project.

LIST OF PARTNER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATION: Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Michigan Department of Education, MiConnections (Michigan's High School/High Tech Initiative), Michigan Works! Association, Michigan Works! Agencies, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, the Governor's Office, Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs/Youth Challenge Academy, Michigan State Police/Prevention Services, Minority Program Services/Substance Abuse Intervention), Michigan's Children/Advocacy

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