

State Court Administrative Office
Child Welfare Services

**Transition Plans for Youth Aging Out
of the Foster Care System**

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing, MI
May 11, 2010

AGENDA

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:00 - 9:05 a.m. **Welcome and Housekeeping**
- 9:05 - 10:05 a.m. **The Fostering Connections Act and Youth Aging Out of Foster Care**
Frank Vandervort, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School, Child Advocacy Law Clinic
- 10:05 - 10:20 a.m. **Break**
- 10:20 - 12:00 p.m. **Emotional Issues of Aging Out/The Importance of Permanent Connections**
Danita Echols, Human Resource Developer, Child Welfare Training Institute
Kate Hanley, Director, Adoption & Permanency Services, Department of Human Services
April Koop, Reconnect Supervisor, Bethany Christian Services
- 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**
(This extended lunch break will allow participants to visit the resource table.)
- 1:15 - 2:45 p.m. **The Seita Scholars Program at Western Michigan University: Transitioning Foster Youth to Adulthood through a Four-Year College Education**
Dr. John R. Seita, Associate Professor, Michigan State University School of Social Work
Dr. Yvonne A. Unrau, Interim Director, John Seita Scholars Program
Sherelle Bell-Brown, John Seita Scholars Program
Brittany Zeman, John Seita Scholars Program
- 2:45 - 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. **Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative (MYOI) Youth Panel**
Ronald Anderson, Youth Advocate, Wayne County MYOI
LaKeisha Hardy, Youth Advocate, Wayne County MYOI
Danielle Starnes, Youth Advocate, Isabella/Midland County MYOI
- 4:30 p.m. **Adjournment**