



The Washtenaw County Foster Care Coalition
Presents a **FREE** Training Event:

2018 Parenting for Success Conference

Saturday May 19, 2018 from 9am-4pm at
the Washtenaw Community College
Crane Liberal Arts & Science Building
located at
4800 E Huron River Drive,
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

**Celebrate, Educate,
Strengthen**

**Resource Fair
from 2:30pm-4pm**

Community resources
will be available during
this time.

Resources include:

- Ozone House
- University of Michigan Blavin Scholar Program
- Foster Closet of Michigan
- Fostering Forward
- Post Adoption Resource Center
- DHHS
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- EMU Magic Program
- Be Safe
- Washtenaw Area Council for Children
- Student Advocacy Center

RSVP:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/washtenaw-county-foster-care-coalition->

Topics will include:

Registration 8:30-9am. Continental breakfast will be provided. Lunch will be provided 12pm-1pm.

Labeling by Another Name 9am-11am

Cole Williams is the CEO and Founder of "Son To A Father" and "Cole Speaks", which are programs that work to empower and restore relationships between teens and their parents. Cole is a Motivational Speaker, Fatherhood Consultant, Facilitator, and most importantly a Father. This workshop will explore the impact that labeling can have on children, families, and communities when youth in foster care and adoptive homes are called by another name. We will re-write the way we use words to describe youth in Foster Care by envisioning and imagining a new lens to see youth and their behavior through.

Be SMART 11:15am-11:45am

Sarah Martin is a K-12 educator, and volunteer with the Washtenaw County Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America launched the Be SMART campaign to take action to prevent child access to guns. The campaign focuses on the importance of conversation, responsible gun storage, and community awareness. Volunteer speakers deliver the Be SMART message to local groups. besmartforkids.org

Loving Them and Raising Them 1pm-2:30pm

Lori Curry has a Master's in Family Studies and is currently working toward her PhD in Human Services, specializing in community and social services. She has been employed with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for over 15 years and is in a collaboration position with the University of Michigan, working with students who have experienced foster care. She is a part of the LGBTQ community, a mother, a grandmother, an owner of 2 cats, and a dog who eats everything. Lori will be presenting on the issues surrounding the LGBTQ community, specifically as it relates to youth and foster youth.

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