



LIVED EXPERIENCE/TRUSTED ADVISORS STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT CIRCLES

The Children's Services Agency (CSA) is committed to elevating the voices of those with lived experience within the child welfare system to inform the work of the department. As such, we are developing a team of Trusted Advisors with lived experience.

In the coming months, CSA will be hosting one-hour virtual engagement circles for birth parents, kin providers and youth/alum-of-care who are at least 18 years old and have previous Children's Protective Services (CPS) or foster care involvement. This is an opportunity for those with lived experiences to share their stories, which will serve as the basis of future discussion regarding our efforts to enhance the work being done to support children, youth and their families in our state. These engagement circles are designed to be safe spaces. Birth parents are eligible to attend only if they do not have a current open CPS or foster care case. Participants will receive a \$50 gift card as compensation for attending.

For interest in attending a birth parent engagement circle, please contact Seth Persky at PerskyS@michigan.gov.

For interest in attending a youth/alumni-of-care (if over 18 years old) engagement circle, please contact Elizabeth Hawrylo at Hawryloe@michigan.gov.

For interest in attending a kin provider engagement circle, please contact Colin Parks at ParksC@michigan.gov.

Birth Parent Sessions

September 27, 2022

October 25, 2022

November 15, 2022

Kin Provider Sessions

September 28, 2022

October 19, 2022

November 17, 2022

Youth/Alum-of-Care Sessions

September 29, 2022

October 18, 2022

November 16, 2022

**All sessions
4:30-5:30 p.m.**

