



FAME Summer Camp

Annually in August



Audience

- Current and former foster youth
- Current High School students from all over Michigan (incoming Freshman to Seniors)
- 30 students per year

Funding

- Camp generated funds (registration fees)
- Campus/Community donations (time, supplies, staffing)
- Most students can request Youth In Transition (YIT) funding through the State of Michigan– Department of Human Services
- Limited scholarships available to youth that do not qualify for YIT funding
- Campers and their foster parents/case managers are responsible for requesting and providing the funds

Objectives

- Increase knowledge and awareness of support programs available to foster youth pursuing higher education
- Increase number of foster youth alumni attending college
- Improve educational outcomes for foster youth alumni

Description

- 3 night 4 day residential camp at MSU
- Around 30 campers that are current high school students and were/are in foster care
- MSU Students currently involved in FAME (Foster Care Alumni) serve as Camp Counselors and are paid out of Camp generated funds
- Students participate in educational workshops covering topics such as; employment, writing a resume, mock interviewing, developing your admission statement, accessing funding sources, etc.
- Presentations from MSU departments (admissions, financial aid, student services)
- Students reside in dorms and get a first hand experience of campus life

Outcomes

- 2012-13 saw first campers attending MSU as incoming Freshman
- In surveys completed after camp, campers overwhelmingly reported:
 - Increased Self-esteem and more positive views of their future
 - Increased awareness about services available to foster youth attending college
 - Increased interest in attending college
- Students that participate as camp counselors reported experiencing more positive feelings about their personal relationships, professional ability and more hope for the future
- Student counselors maintain relationships with campers and provide ongoing support, encouragement and advice through social media use
- Positive feedback provided from campus/community members who participate in camp as volunteers

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