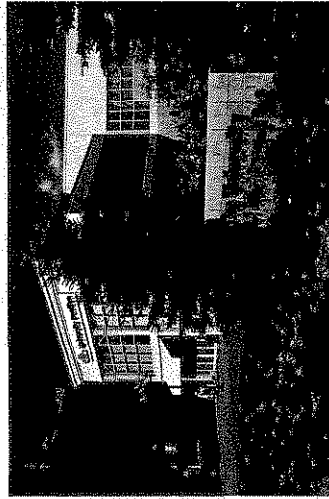


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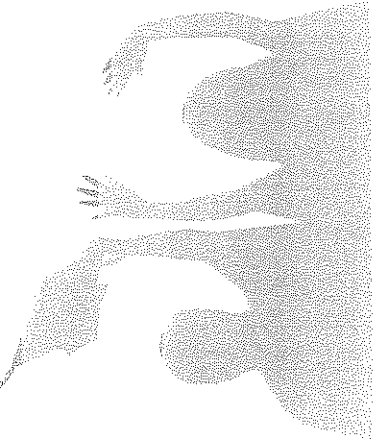
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## Mission Statement

The University of Michigan-Flint is a comprehensive urban university of diverse learners and scholars committed to advancing our local and global communities. In the University of Michigan tradition, we value excellence in teaching, learning, and scholarship; student centeredness; and engaged citizenship. Through personal attention and dedicated faculty and staff, our students become leaders and best in their fields, professions, and communities.

## Vision Statement

Engaging Minds, Preparing Leaders  
through Academic Excellence,  
Student Centeredness, and Engaged  
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## Division of Student Affairs

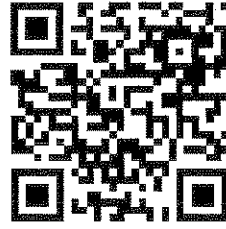
# Empowering My Success



Flexible  
Appointments

Help with  
Child Care

Help with  
Housing



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A program designed for students  
who have been in foster care.

## Message from the Staff

The University of Michigan-Flint has been actively engaged in discussions concerning foster care since 2007. Many campus professionals have been involved in these conversations including staff from Financial Aid, First-Year Experience, Undergraduate Admissions, Advising and Career Services, Counseling, Registrar's, and Housing. These professionals continue to be strong advocates for foster care youth.

Mott Children's Health Center (MCHC), the YWCA of Greater Flint, Ennis Center for Children, and the Genesee County Department of Human Services-Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative (MYOI) work in partnership to enable positive outcomes for young adults that have aged out of foster care.

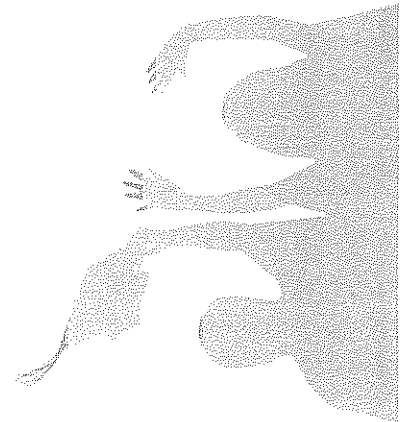
UM-Flint's "Empowering My Success" is a state-funded program that will assist the young adult in removing obstacles while helping them understand their role in personal growth, career preparation, financial management, and academic success. In addition, "Empowering My Success" will provide wrap-around support services throughout a student's academic stay.

Navigating life is challenging. Having to do so without support can derail dreams.

"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it"

-William Arthur Ward

Go Blue!



## Benefits

Ask about MBucks

Women's Educational Center

Assigned Mentors

Educational & Training Vouchers

Help with Resources

Counseling Services

Life Skills Training



## Program Overview

"Empowering My Success" is a new program designed for students age 18 to 25 that are in foster care, were formerly in foster care, or are transitioning out of foster care. This program provides a wrap-around approach with professional staff that includes visits with a Life Skills Coach, Mentors, and Advisors that are standing by to help the student meet their educational goals and to succeed with their goals. A Student Handbook provides assistance with processes, procedures, and on/off campus resources. Advocates at the University can help the student with academic advising/career counseling, tutoring, mentoring, financial aid, housing, transportation, and more!

## Who is Eligible?

-Michigan youth active in the foster care system that have been placed out of the home based on abuse and neglect, starting at age 14 and up to age 21.

-Michigan youth, ages 18 to 21, that have been in foster care on or after their 14th birthday, but are no longer under DHS/Tribal supervision.

-Youth who have or had an open juvenile justice case and are placed in an eligible placement under the supervision of DHS.

