

Foster Care in Benzie/TC area

January 2024

Current Statistics:

Benzie/Manistee Counties:

- ▶ Children in Care: 55
- ▶ Licensed Foster Homes: 5

Gd. Traverse/Leelanau/Kalkaska

- ▶ Children in Care: 102
- ▶ Licensed Foster Homes: 57

Aging Out of Foster Care:

- ▶ In Michigan, over 1600 youth age out of foster care each year
- ▶ Teens who Age Out.....
 - ▶ 7 out of 10 girls will become pregnant before age 21
 - ▶ Less than 3% will ever earn a College Degree, 46% don't finish high school
 - ▶ Over 60% of males who age out will be convicted of a crime
 - ▶ 20% are instantly Homeless
 - ▶ 60% enter the Sex Industry
 - ▶ 25% will be Incarcerated within 2 years
 - ▶ 40% become addicted to drugs or alcohol within 5 years
 - ▶ 1 in 4 will attempt suicide in the first 5 years

How You Can Help:

- ▶ Partner/Collaborate With Us For Recruitment
- ▶ Share Statistics & Opportunities to Learn about Becoming Licensed on Website/Social Media
- ▶ Host a “Fosterware” Informational Event - in person or online
- ▶ Connect us with Events to Speak or Host a Table
- ▶ Mentor a Youth - MYIO
- ▶ Support Current Foster Families:
 - ▶ Provide dinner or gift card
 - ▶ Offer Child Care - Give them a Break!
 - ▶ Let them know you Care
 - ▶ Offer to help provide needed
 - ▶ Support nearby Foster Closets & Funding Events

Be the Sunshine in a Child's life
Foster A Child!



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