



Michigan's *Children*

Public Policy in
the Best Interest of
Children & Families.



Raising Student Voices

MACAE Spring Institute 2022

As We Begin

- ▶ Share your experiences with elevating their students' voices before lawmakers
- ▶ If you want to say something, raise your hand in the Zoom, or type it out
 - ▶ Was it impactful?
 - ▶ What did you think made a difference?
 - ▶ What would you like to learn to make these even better?

Goals

Understand the impact of raising your students' voices with decisionmakers



Understand what it looks like to raise Student Voices



Learn how Michigan's Children can help you raise student voices

Agenda

- ▶ Welcome and Introduction
- ▶ Panel: Experiences and Impact of Uplifting Student Stories
 - ▶ Maha Ayoub
 - ▶ Courtney Carter
 - ▶ Fatema Al Sheleh
 - ▶ Moderator: Stephen Wallace, Michigan's Children
- ▶ Audience Q & A (Please drop your Q's in the chat.)
- ▶ How Michigan's Children Can Help You
- ▶ Wrap Up

Panel Discussion

Experiences and Impact of Uplifting Student Stories

Hearing from teachers and students themselves

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Moderator

Stephen Wallace

Michigan's Children



Audience Questions

How Michigan's Children Can Help *Who We Are*

- ▶ A **statewide, independent policy voice** for children, youth and their families.
- ▶ We want **Michigan's public policy and programs** to help children, youth and families access the opportunities they need to succeed.
- ▶ To make that happen, we work to ensure that **policymakers** prioritize the needs of children, youth and families facing the most challenges.
- ▶ We believe that better public policy is built when those directly impacted by it are **engaged with decision makers**.

How Michigan's Children Can Help

Who We Are

- ▶ Publish individual written stories, blogs, our podcast, connect people with other media outlets
- ▶ We do trainings to help groups learn good practices for advocating with lawmakers and telling them your story (like this)
- ▶ We help people plan strategies (in-person or virtual) to share stories directly
 - ▶ StudentSpeak Forums at your program
 - ▶ Coming to the Capitol

Resources



Thank You!

See summaries from our [previous StudentSpeak Forums](#)

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Reach out to get involved: Stephen Wallace
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