

# Welcome

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Former Foster and Homeless  
Youth Address How Their  
Experiences Impacted Their  
Pursuit of Higher Education



# About Fostering Media Connections

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Fostering Media Connections (FMC) is a nonprofit news organization that harnesses the power of journalism and media to improve the lives of vulnerable children, youth and their families.

We report and produce our own coverage, which is published on two distinct platforms: The Imprint, a daily news website, and Fostering Families Today, a bi-monthly print magazine.



**The  
Imprint**

**FOSTERING FAMILIES** TODAY

# What Is The Youth Voice Program?

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- FMC's Youth Voice Program began in 2016 as a journalism training program.
- We support young people with lived experience in the foster care or juvenile justice systems, as well as youth who have experienced homelessness.
- Most recently we have placed emphasis on higher education.
- FMC also trains youth involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems how to produce journalism so they can have a more prominent role in the public discourse that shapes policy and ultimately their lives. The inclusion and amplification of youth perspectives is critical to FMC achieving its mission.



# House Rules

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- We ask that everyone be respectful and use active listening.
- This presentation is being recorded.
- We will save questions for the end. You may post them directly in the chat.
- During the open discussion forum, everyone will have two minutes to speak.



# Today's Panelists & Contact Info.

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