



# W·A·Y MICHIGAN™

## Widening Advancements for Youth

### Words from the Director - James Middleditch

I hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy during the COVID-19 Crisis. We are continuing to provide support as usual. We will be planning to increase live sessions and one-on-one sessions. We would like you to welcome our new paraprofessional Estefania Avina. She has begun to offer one-on-one help sessions. As of right now we believe testing will be cancelled. We are waiting for the Michigan legislature to approve the state testing waiver provided by the federal government. A reminder our main office staff will be on vacation for April 6 to 10. We expect student to continue work as usual and will be support by our district level staff. I will continue to put out video updates when I can to provide any important updates on the current situation. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the office at 313-638-2716 or email us at [enroll@wayprogram.net](mailto:enroll@wayprogram.net).



### WAY's Trips

We were hoping to reschedule our WAY Michigan field trip to the Charles H. Wright African American History Museum for a date in May or June. Due to the executive order of Governor Whitmer closing all non-essential businesses, the field trip is on hold until both the executive order is lifted and the museum is reopened and scheduling field trips.

Researchers will be updated when/if we reschedule this field trip. I appreciate your understanding during this difficult time. Our WAY Michigan staff hopes our researchers and their families are staying healthy and safe. Thank you!

- Stacy Long

## WAY'S Inspiration



every day  
may not be good  
but there is  
something good  
in every day



## WAY's Parents

We love when parents take a vested interest in their student's education. That is why we offer a few different ways for parents to be involved at WAY Michigan. One of those ways are our monthly parent meetings. We offer 2 meetings per month, one in the evening and one in the morning. April's parent meetings will take place on April 21st at 7pm and April 23rd at 10am. The presentation will begin at the start time and there will be time for questions throughout the presentation and at the end. This month we will cover any updates on our operations during this pandemic, any changes we have made, and things that are still going strong. We will also review the LIVE session protocols. At the end of the presentation, there will be a link for a survey. We would love your feedback! The link for the online parent meeting is: <https://wayprogram.zoom.us/j/646775942>. The link is good for both meetings. Kim Iorillo, our Parent Liaison, will be hosting. If you have any questions at all, please contact her at [kimberly.iorillo@wayprogram.net](mailto:kimberly.iorillo@wayprogram.net). Please join us!

- Kim Iorillo

