

RISE U.P.

for Youth

A convening around youth issues in the Upper Peninsula.

Snapshot of the Day

- Inspirational Keynote on Reclaiming Youth
- Fishbowl Focus Group with U.P. Youth
- Promising Strategies from across the U.P.
- Regional Discussions and Networking

All youth deserve the opportunity to succeed. But, we know that for some youth, the barriers are daunting, and some struggle more than others. Through the RISE U.P. for Youth Convening, we plan to achieve increased awareness, knowledge and support for our most vulnerable youth across the peninsula.

The RISE U.P. for Youth Convening will help communities become more strategic about preparing youth with the least supports and the most barriers to success. By working together, we can help more youth in our communities transition to successful adulthood.

Specific goals of the RISE U.P. for Youth convening:

- Identify the network of organizations and workers who serve challenged youth and care about their health and success
- Share ideas, promising practices and challenges in providing supports and opportunities needed by vulnerable youth and their families
- Begin a region-wide dialogue about our youth and how we help them move to situations of opportunity
- Start tracking the successful work being carried out and begin to leverage greater support and advocacy for these efforts through communications and public relations
- Increase knowledge of and commitment to collective impact and how working together, more youth can over time be provided opportunities for success in school and life

Keynote Speaker

Dr. John Seita



Like few others, Dr. John Seita understands the challenges facing disconnected young people. He was removed from his mother's home at the age of eight and spent the remainder of his childhood and adolescence in multiple foster homes, detention facilities, group care settings and on the streets.

Blending his personal experience with the most recent research in youth development, at-risk youth issues and leading-edge models, Dr. Seita provides powerful insight and new skill development. He builds the capacity of teachers, social workers, parents and others to understand and reclaim even the most challenged young people.

Dr. Seita holds a doctorate from Western Michigan University and serves on the faculty of the School of Social Work at Michigan State University.

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