4th Annual
School of Social Work
Alumni Event
All social work professionals are welcome to attend!

EMU Student Center — March 13, 2015
Networking lunch beginning at 12:00
Continuing Education Program from 1:00-4:30

Keynote: Judith Fischer Wollack, ACSW, LMSW
"We Will Not Turn Away A Child: An Agency’s Journey with Unaccompanied Minors"

Child refugees from Central America continue to be a concern for federal and state policymakers, human service workers and the general public. Even though the number of incoming children has declined in recent months, the topic highlights a number of ongoing issues that were faced by Wolverine Human Services the summer of 2014 as they tried to embark on servicing this population. The topic highlights a number of ongoing issues faced by social workers seeking to serve a disadvantaged and highly vulnerable population, notably negative social perception, community resistance, culturally sensitive practice and partnerships and professional identity.

Breakout Sessions:

Tana Bridge, PhD, LMSW & Shannon Laskey, LMSW ~ Ethics: Real-time Decision Making
Ethical dilemmas are common place. This session will focus on ethical dilemmas and ‘slippery slopes’ in current social work practice. A model that will allow you to arrive at the best possible outcome will be utilized as participants work through case scenarios and dilemmas. Participants should come prepared to participate in ethical decision-making!

Jeff Lusko, MA, LLP ~ Assessing Developmental Stages at Various Ages
To recognize a child’s risk for developmental disorders is to also recognize and maximize a child’s potential for change. This session will look at the benefits of The Ages & Stages Questionnaires, Third Edition (ASQ-3) as a parent-report tool designed to screen for developmental problems among infants, toddlers, and young children.

David I. Manville, LMSW, ACSW ~ Human Trafficking and Immigration Issues
Human Trafficking is described as the most despicable form of human rights violation occurring in the world. In regards to immigration, victims pay to be illegally transported into the United States only to find themselves in the thrall of traffickers. They find themselves surrounded by an unfamiliar culture and language without identification documents, fearing for their lives and the lives of their families.

Barbara Niess-May, MPA, LMSW ~ Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence-Myths and Trends
This session is geared toward helping professionals working with survivors of domestic violence and is essential for creating an informed and skilled workforce. Assessing for domestic violence, myths about domestic violence and best practice methods of support will all be explored.

Tyne L. Kreiner, LMSW & Sarah Smith, LMSW ~ Facilitating a Good Death: Support at the End of Life Journey
We want to die as we live, and this course will explain what a good death is and help educate social workers not familiar with the field of end-of-life care that there is such a thing as a good death. We will discuss the social work role as it relates to supporting our patients, families, co-workers, and selves to help holistically facilitate the desired end to a life journey.