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**MICHIGAN WORKS! SOUTHEAST AND OTHER SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS TO HOST OFFICE HOURS ON EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S CAMPUS**  
***EMU Students and Staff can receive service from Michigan Works! Southeast starting Thursday, March 24 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.***

**Washtenaw County, MI., March 7, 2022** - The office of [Engage@EMU](#), Room 201D in Boone Hall on Eastern Michigan University's campus will welcome Crystal Lyte, PATH Career Advisor with [Michigan Works! Southeast](#) starting Thursday, March 24th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Crystal will hold office hours during that time on alternating Thursdays bridging the gap between EMU and Harriet Street. Michigan Works! Southeast seeks to understand and advocate for the needs of the Southeast Michigan region. Connecting individuals and organizations with helpful resources. Creating hope for a better future by providing examples of what is possible. Caroline Sanders, Associate Director, Community Relations & Engagement said, "Students can come to see if they're eligible for MIWorks SE services, and get connected to other resources. If EMU students or staff are currently receiving Michigan Works! services they can simplify submitting documentation, etc., by dropping documents off to Crystal." Michigan Works! Southeast offers various employment and training related services for many people in the community including, but not limited to returning citizens, families with dependent aged children and other community members. Caroline said "MI Works SE has a well established relationship with EMU programs and we are excited that they have agreed to be our first partner for this pilot student support program that is intended to strengthen graduation completion rates as well as improve quality of life for students and staff."

[Child Care Network](#) (CCN) established in 1971, CCN is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the success of children, families and our community through quality child care education, advocacy and family support. CCN should begin their office hours sometime in April or May of 2022.

The MSU Extension is considering hosting office hours that will provide information about the [Michigan State Housing Development Authority](#) (MSHDA) home buying education program they offer. MSHDA's Homeownership division provides a variety of programs and products for both homebuyers and homeowners. Completion of the MSHDA Housing Education class can qualify buyers for grants ranging between \$7,500 - \$10,000 towards the purchase of a new home. Caroline said, "It helps you prepare to qualify for a mortgage, understand credit scores and help you understand how much house you can afford." MSHDA is working to identify how and when they may begin office hours on EMU's campus.



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The primary focus of this initiative is assisting students with children, but Caroline said, "We are also interested, and able to support other students and staff that are interested." To book an appointment with Crystal, [click here](#), drop-in appointments will also be available. Email [emu\\_engage@emich.edu](mailto:emu_engage@emich.edu), or call (734) 487-6570, to learn more.

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- <https://www.mwse.org/>
- <https://www.childcarenetwork.org/>
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