

## Programs

**Office of Academic Service Learning:** EMU's Office of Academic Service-Learning (AS-L) works to build an infrastructure that will support students, faculty, administrators, and community members in their efforts to implement academic service-learning and foster community engaged activity and scholarship. It houses such community-based programs as: The Business Side of Youth (The B.Side), CrossTown Theatre and Digital Inclusion. [www.emich.edu/asl](http://www.emich.edu/asl)

**Institute for the Study of Children, Families & Communities (ISCFC)** EMU's ISCFC explores contemporary issues and enriches family and community life through the application of scholarly research and practical expertise, innovative projects and leadership in collaborative problem-solving efforts. It oversees and manages community and education programs such as Bright Futures, Gear Up and Hamilton Crossing, a low-income housing community in Ypsilanti, <http://www.iscfc.emich.edu>

**VISION (Volunteers Incorporating Service Into Our Neighborhoods)** is dedicated to helping students, as well as staff, become actively engaged in service. VISION is home to these year-round volunteer initiatives: America Reads, Best Buddies, Kid Konnection and 826 Michigan Ypsilanti Middle School Project & GREEN [www.emich.edu/vision](http://www.emich.edu/vision)

**Autism Collaborative Center & Children's Institute:** EMU purchased a local elementary school, renovated the facility, and operates a local child care center and autism center on-site, both of which offer affordable services and community space. <http://www.emich.edu/acc/>

## Community & Economic Development Initiatives

**Eastern Leaders Group:** EMU co-founded a regional consortium of local elected officials, school leaders, business executives, and non-profit leaders to improve the quality of life in eastern Washtenaw County; EMU's Vice President of Government Relations co-chairs the group and EMU hosts many of the group's public meetings.

**Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority ("DDA"):** EMU has a seat on the City of Ypsilanti's DDA, a government entity that captures local tax revenue to reinvest in the downtown; EMU's Vice President of Government Relations currently serves as Chair of the DDA; EMU facilities staff routinely provide facilities work for downtown projects.

**Ann Arbor SPARK:** EMU contributes \$60,000 per year to support the county's economic development corporation, which includes a business incubator across the street from EMU's College of Business; EMU's President serves on SPARK's Board of Directors, and EMU's Vice President of Government Relations serves on SPARK's Executive Committee; EMU is also an active member of the Washtenaw Economic Club.

**Transportation Initiatives:** EMU contracts with the local transit system to provide bus service on campus and is a dues-paying board member of the countywide transportation planning committee.

## Partnerships & Outreach

**"College Begins at Head Start!":** EMU brings 3- and 4-year old low-income children enrolled in local Head Start programs, along with their parents, to EMU's campus each Fall to expose the children and their families to the joys of higher education.

**Chamber of Commerce:** EMU is a highest-level sponsor of the local Chamber of Commerce, and EMU's Director of Career Development is Chair of the local Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; EMU is also a member of several nearby chambers of commerce.

**Regional Collaboration Committee:** EMU is a member of a committee of local government leaders that explores ways to support regionalism in public safety, road management, environmental services, etc.

**Community Boathouse:** EMU is constructing a community boathouse at Ypsilanti Township's Lakeside Park for use by EMU's women's rowing team and community rowers.

**Ypsilanti Community Schools (YCS):** Ypsilanti Community Schools (YCS): EMU and YCS have numerous collaborations including Bright Futures (an out-of-school program) located in University High, New Tech, YCS Middle and WIHigh, Upward Bound, Business Side of Youth (B.Side) located in New Tech, Drama Club at University High and dual enrollment course offerings at the high school level.

**United Way:** EMU has an active United Way campaign that involves dozens of EMU employees who serve as team leaders, and has raised nearly \$100,000 each year.

**Public Safety Support: EMU's Department of Public Safety** – a fully-sworn police force – provides discounted and free public safety support to local community events.

**Rutherford Pool:** EMU staff helped design the re-construction of the City of Ypsilanti's only public swimming pool and EMU's President hosted the kickoff event to help raise funds for the pool's re-construction.

**Visitors and Convention Bureau:** EMU has a seat on the board of directors of the local Visitors and Convention Bureau to facilitate interaction between tourism activities and EMU's programs.

**Public meeting space:** Countless organizations use EMU's space for their events, including the regular meetings of the local Rotary and Kiwanis chapters and many local high school graduation ceremonies and Girl Scout summer camps.

**Other:** EMU provides extensive financial support to countless non-profit groups, including Growing Hope, the local Farmers Market, Ypsilanti Riverside Arts Center, local Red Cross chapter, HIV/AIDS Resource Center, American Heart Association, and PRIDE (annual community clean-up effort); EMU has extensive engagement with the local ministerial alliance.