

4-H Exploration Days

2018 Impact Report



Exploration Days is a three day campus-based pre-college program that is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Youth participants stay on campus in MSU residence halls and attend action-filled classroom and field trip sessions on a wide variety of topics. These topics include animal science, business & entrepreneurship,

language & culture, performing & visual arts, and science, engineering & technology.

Nearly 2,000 youth attended Exploration Days in 2018. Post-event evaluations revealed that participating youth gained important life skills like decision making, problem solving, and communication. Youth also reported feeling more prepared to attend college.



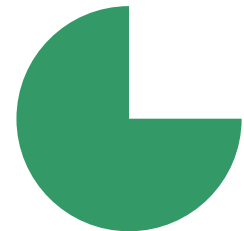
94% of youth feel more independent



92% of youth built time management skills



92% of youth feel more prepared for college

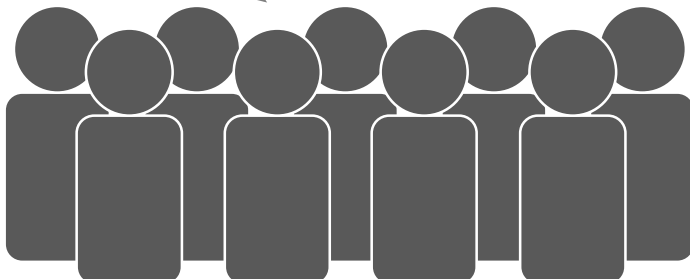


75% of youth are now interested in attending MSU

“Attending [Exploration Days] has helped me with being **more independent and confident**. It has also informed me about all the career choices that MSU has to offer.”

“Seeing and spending time exploring the campus **has made me want to go to MSU.**”

“This program has made me **better with communication skills** and working in a group that I’m not familiar with. It’s made me more social!”



DID YOU KNOW?

Youth who participate in Michigan 4-H pre-college programs are more likely to go to college: 67% of youth who participated in Exploration Days between 2009 and 2016 enrolled in college within six months of finishing high school. That’s 11% higher than the Michigan average!