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Can a School Ban Someone from School Property?

By: Laura J. Genovich

Imagine this scenario: A parent has a disagreement with their children's school, and the dispute has escalated to the point that the parent's conduct on school property has become increasingly disruptive. The parent has verbally assaulted school staff and made veiled threats, which have interrupted the staff's ability to perform their jobs and upset many staff members. Can the school ban the parent from entering school property?

Or imagine this: a graduate of the school enters the high school building and, as a "prank," vandalizes school property. The school informs the graduate that they are banned from school property. The graduate objects, insisting that the school is a public building and that they have a right to enter as a member of the public. Can the school ban the graduate from accessing the school building?

The answer in both situations is, most likely, yes. Michigan's federal courts have recognized that "a school may ban a person, including a parent, from going onto school property in order to preserve order in the educational process or to protect students from potential harm without violating any fundamental right to go onto or access school property." *Meija v. Holt Public Schools*, Case No. 5:01-CV-116 (W.D. Mich., March 12, 2002); see also *Gaines-Hanna v. Farmington Public School District*, Case No. 04-74910 (E.D. Mich. April 20, 2007). The *Meija* court acknowledged that although parents have a right to "direct and control" their children's education, that does not mean that parents have an unfettered right to enter school property.

These decisions are consistent with the United States Supreme Court's holding that a school district, like a private property owner, "may legally preserve the property under its control for the use to which it is dedicated." *Lamb's Chapel v.*

Ctr. Moriches Union Free Sch. Dist., 508 U.S. 384, 390 (1993). The fact that this property is owned by the government does not mean that the property is automatically open to the public. *United States v. Kokinda*, 497 U.S. 720, 725 (1990). Even students do not have an absolute right to access school property, if they pose an ongoing threat of disruption of their educational process. See *Goss v. Lopez*, 419 U.S. 565, 582 (1975). That said, the removal of a student from school property implicates due process rights and other legal obligations, and schools must make sure that such removal comports with Michigan and federal law.

If your school is facing a contentious situation that could result in banning someone from school property, be sure to consult with legal counsel to ensure that the removal is legally justified and that proper procedures are followed.

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Foster Swift School Law News

Head Start Academy



We have openings in our Head Start Academy for children ages 3-5 who reside in the 48219 and 48235 zip codes. Families can contact us at 313-481-5114 or feel free to stop by anytime Monday-Friday between the hours of 8a.m. and 4p.m.

5 Great Reasons to Cook with Your Kids

By: Nimali Fernando, MD, MPH, FAAP

When it comes to raising an adventurous eater, it is not just about coaxing kids to eat their veggies. Bringing up a child who can enjoy a cantaloupe as much as a cupcake takes patience and persistence, but it does not have to feel like a chore. Kids may need to have frequent joyful experiences involving food to overcome the anxiety they may have around tasting the unfamiliar. Over time, cooking with your children can help build that confidence—and provide rich sensory experiences.

Here are five ways to enjoy cooking with your children while raising an adventurous eater along the way:

ENGAGE OTHER SENSES. For a hesitant eater, tasting an unfamiliar food can sometimes be intimidating. You can help your child explore foods when cooking using other senses besides taste. This helps to build positive associations with food. Kneading dough, rinsing vegetables, and tearing lettuce all involve touching food and being comfortable with texture.

USE COOKING TO RAISE SMART KIDS. There are so many lessons that can be taught while cooking. Math concepts like counting, measurement, and fractions naturally unfold when navigating a recipe with kids. Explaining how food changes with temperature or how certain foods can help our body be healthy provide great lessons in science.

MAKE COOKING PART OF THE FAMILY CULTURE. The family meal can start in the kitchen as you cook together. Family meal preparation is an opportunity to celebrate your cultural heritage by passing down recipes. Help your kids find new, seasonal recipes to add to your repertoire and family cookbook. Cooking together and prioritizing health over the convenience of processed food are great ways to lead by example and help your children buy into a culture of wellness.

KEEP IT SAFE. Teach kids the importance of staying safe while cooking by showing them how to hold kitchen tools safely, how to use oven mitts to protect hands from heat, and how to turn appliances on and off safely. Always supervise children when cooking to ensure they are sticking with safe and age-appropriate tasks. The best way to keep cooking safe is to know your child's abilities and his or her stage of development.

ASK FOR INPUT. Children feel more included in mealtime when they are asked to be a part of meal preparation. Collaborate with your kids when selecting recipes for main dishes or sides. Let them help you make the shopping list and find groceries in the store or farmers market. When cooking together, let children offer a critique of the foods you are preparing. Together you can decide what ingredients you should add to enhance the flavor.

Youth Spotlight: Tyanna McClain



Tyanna McClain is a regional Youth Specialist for Youth United's Central Region. Central Region focuses on the advocacy portion of Youth United. She is also responsible for making sure youth are present on committees, youth are in a youth friendly environment, and youth voices are being heard throughout Wayne County System of Care. Tyanna's passion for helping others by sharing her experience and her story is what led her to join Youth United. She has been with Youth United for over 2 years. Sharing her poem about being a young mother has grown to be Tyanna's strongest

and most powerful way of sharing her story as well as being her favorite part in her position. While being with Youth United, Tyanna has built both her professional and life skills, as well as a host of other skills. She plans on continuing down a successful path and helping youth.

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN! CONSUMER COUNCIL

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of
every month from 12:30pm-2:30pm.

RSVP at pkelly@thechildrenscenter.com

5th Annual Wayne County Fatherhood Initiative Forum



SAVE THE DATE!
June 22, 2017

A father's involvement in his child's life is so critical to the child's success in school and in life. Join us for a day dedicated to helping dads become strong role models for their children and families.

Featuring speakers, resources and breakout sessions that every father and male caregiver should attend.

WHEN: Thursday, June 22, 2017 • 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

WHERE: Greater Grace Temple Church 23500 W. 7 Mile Rd.
• Detroit, MI 48219

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE SOON

"SAFE TO DRINK!"

*This past fall The Children's Center hired Environmental Testing & Consulting, Inc. (ETC) to test the drinking water. ETC collected and tested drinking water samples in Buildings 79, 90, and 101. We are pleased to report that the water at TCC is **SAFE TO DRINK!***

Youth MOVE Detroit



ADVISORY COUNCIL

Youth MOVE Detroit is looking for participants ages 14-25 to impact the System of Care and the community. Youth MOVE meets every third Tuesday of each month, at The Children's Center, from 5:00pm-6:30pm. The next dates are February 7th, February 21st, March 7th, March 21st, April 4th and April 18th. For further information contact Tyanna McClain at 313-324-8580 or by email at tmccclain@thechildrenscenter.com.

Youth United's Open House:

Youth United will be hosting an open house March 30, 2017 from 5:00pm-7:00pm located at American Indian Health and Family Services 4880 Lawndale St. Detroit, MI 48210. The Open House is utilized to educate youth on who we are and what we do, recruit members for Youth MOVE

Detroit, network with various different organizations, employment opportunities, and share resources with youth and families. For further information contact Tyanna McClain at 313-324-8580 or by email at tyanna@youthunited.org.

Enrichment Activities



Center for Discovery is now open every Monday and Wednesday 10am – 6pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ART ADVENTURES at 4:30pm-6:30pm

- February 14th and 28th
- March 14th and 28th
- April 11th and 25th
- May 9th and 23rd

HOMEWORK HELP Monday and Wednesdays 4 – 6pm

- Drop in Tutoring Available

FAMILY GAME NIGHT at 4:00pm-6:00pm

- February 2nd
- May 23rd

BIRTHDAY PARTIES are 4:30pm- 6:30pm

- February 16th
- March 16th 4:00pm-6:00pm
- April 20th 4:00pm-6:00pm
- May 18th

All activities take place in the Lower level of Building 90
For more information, contact Cindy Read at 313-262-1167



Rock Your Difference Workshops:

Youth United will be hosting a leadership training called Rock Your Difference, training youth on what it takes to be a leader while doing fun activities. The next Rock Your Difference will be March 25, 2017 from 10:00am-2:00pm, the location is to be determined. If you would like to schedule a Rock your Difference Leadership training at your agency or organization please contact Youth United at 313-344-9099 or by email at wcyouthunited@gmail.com.

Stigma-Busting Workshop:

Youth United will be hosting a stigma-busting workshop March 21, 2017 at The Children's Center, during Youth MOVE Detroit's Meeting, from 5:00pm-6:30pm. If you would like to schedule a stigma workshop with your agency or organization, please contact T'erra Gassaway via email at tgassaway@dwmha.com.

Faces of Trauma 2 (It's Impact)

Trauma affects each person in a different way, and often when one member of a family experiences it, the whole family is affected. Faces of Trauma is an event that explores the impact of trauma, and how individuals and families can cope with it.

Guest presenters will share their knowledge and experiences, offering valuable resources, art therapies and community programs that can help with the healing process. Youth, parents, caregivers, educators, service providers, community leaders, and families, are all invited to attend. This program is recommended for adults and children ages 13 and up.

Childcare available for children who are potty-trained. Spanish, Arabic and ASL translations available upon request only.

R.S.V.P. with Pamela Kelly, pkelly@thechildrenscenter.com, 313.262.1227

When: Thursday, February 9, 2017 • 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Where: The Children's Center • 79 W. Alexandrine • Detroit, Building 90 • Rooms 100-102

This event is made possible by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Block Grant and is sponsored by The Children's Centers Consumer Council, Youth United, Wayne County Fatherhood Initiative, 21st CCIC, Family Alliance for Change and the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.



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