



Colleen McKinley Deaven is currently the Principal and Assistant Grant Coordinator at The Bridge Alternative High School. She has been in education for 22 years. According to Colleen, “Alternative education is necessary for those students needing more than what the traditional setting offers. These students are gifted with life experience and creativity. Alternative schools offer these students unique opportunities the traditional setting cannot in an effort to move them in a positive direction toward graduation and beyond. The Michigan Alternative Education Organization is a valuable entity in its efforts to make alternatives available to young people, giving them opportunities the traditional setting does not.”