

Jose Franco came to the United States when he was 2 years old, and has been living in Southwest Detroit ever since. Realizing the absence of organizing around Immigrant Rights in Detroit, he and another undocumented student decided to create One Michigan, the first and only undocumented led organization advocating for immigrant rights in Michigan. One Michigan has empowered many undocumented youth to come out of the shadows, stop being afraid of their immigration status, and as a result, youth from One Michigan have become strong leaders in the community. In addition, Jose has traveled with undocumented youth to states where anti-immigrant laws have passed, and led rallies that have empowered youth from those states to become their own leaders. Jose serves as the lead organizer of One Michigan, and is proud of the strength and courage undocumented youth from across the state have shown.