

## MSU CCED Opens Flint Office

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On October 1, 2014 the MSU CCED increased its presence in Flint, Michigan, by establishing an office in the Oak Business Center (2712 N. Saginaw Street). Conveniently located just north of downtown Flint, the Oak Business Center is a small business and entrepreneur incubator that offers high quality space for companies to conduct business. It accommodates more than a dozen

offices, two conference rooms, a kitchen, and a work center.

Staffed by Bob Brown, CCED Associate Director, CCED Flint will continue our commitment to create, apply, and disseminate valued knowledge through responsive engagement, strategic partnerships, and collaborative learning to address community defined needs in Flint. Indicative of that mission, CCED Flint in partnership with UM Flint and two grassroots organizations—Community Action and Building Neighborhood Capacity—recently created the Flint/Higher Education Partnership. Launched on October 17, 43 people from five universities and multiple community groups came together to build relationships and understand each other's assets (research interests and direct community action) that could come together in mutually beneficial partnerships. Connections have already coalesced around three partnership focuses: food systems, public health, and arts and culture.

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