

Essential Resources for Adoptive/Guardian/Kinship Families

Adoptive, guardian, and kinship families often face unique challenges.

Specialized services and community based resources are available.

~Please refer adoptive families to the following resources~

<p>The Post Adoption Resource Centers (PARC)</p>	<p>PARC programs provide in-home crisis intervention and case management, service coordination, support groups, training, advocacy, general information, and referral services all free of charge to adoptive and guardianship families.</p>	<p>www.michigan.gov/mdhhs → Adult and Children’s Services → Adoption → Post Adoption Parent Resources</p>
<p>The Post Adoption Toolkit</p>	<p>Provides information specifically for older adopted youth in regards to education, employment, shelter, mental health services, and much more.</p>	<p>www.mare.org MARE.org → For Families → Post-Adoption Information → Post Adoption Resource Toolkit link</p>
<p>The Adoptive Family Support Network (AFSN) 616-458-7945</p>	<p>Services include parent-to-parent support, adoptive parent workshops and trainings, and attachment training.</p>	<p>afsn.org Afsn.org → Services Support groups statewide and listed by county. Afsn.org → Services → Statewide Support Groups</p>
<p>The Kinship Care Resource Center 517-355-9600</p>	<p>Offers a multitude of resources for kinship families such as training events and educational tools for caregivers.</p>	<p>http://www.kinship.msu.edu/ Kinship.msu.edu → Resources → Support Groups</p>
<p>Community Mental Health (CMH)</p>	<p>Lists CMH locations statewide along with contact information (phone and email)</p>	<p>www.michigan.gov/mdhhs → Keeping Michigan Healthy → Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability → Mental Health → Community Mental Health Services → Community Mental Health Services Programs</p>
<p>Adoption and Guardian Assistance</p>	<p>Provides link to sign up for EFT assistance payments, individuals to contact, and tentative payment dates.</p>	<p>www.michigan.gov/mdhhs → Adult and Children’s Services → Adoption → Post-Adoption Parent Resources → Adoption Assistance Payments</p>
<p>Local Faith Based Organizations</p>	<p>Faith-Based initiative offering support to families and children.</p>	<p>http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs → Doing Business with MDHHS → Faith-Based Initiative → Get to Know Us → Faith-Based Adoption and Foster Parent Recruitment</p>

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