

MARE Stages of Photolisting

The following statuses may be used for children who are photolisted on MARE for adoption recruitment. All statuses will be completed online through the Adoption Worker's Case Dashboard on the MARE website.

1. **General Photolisting/Open** – This is the traditional photolisting status that every child will be placed upon initial photolisting or re-photolisting.

Timeframe: None.

2. **Reviewing Homestudies** - This status may be used when a child receives a high number of inquiries and the adoption worker feels that he or she can identify a family among the inquiries already received.

Timeframe: This status may only be used after the 21-day time frame from the first family inquiry per adoption policy. This status can be used for 30 calendar days before placing the child on hold, placement pending status or returning the child to active status. At the end of the 30 calendar days, the child will be automatically returned to active status.

Note: Families may still inquire on the child through the MARE website, however, they will be notified of the child's current status when they inquire.

3. **Placement Pending** – To be used when a file disclosure is in process, a child is visiting with a family or a relative is being explored PRIOR to the DHS-4809 (Intent to Adopt) being signed and/or the potential family has not been approved for adoption.

Timeframe: This status can be used for 60 calendar days before placing the child on foster parent, relative or recruited family hold. At 60 calendar days the child will automatically be returned to active status if a hold has not been received. If the plan changes for the child prior to the 60 calendar days, the adoption worker may return the child to active status through the MARE website.

Note: Families may still inquire on the child through the MARE website, however, they will be notified of the child's current status when they inquire.

4. **Photolisting Status Change – OTHER** - This status may be used if the court has ordered recruitment to cease or for a goal change if a permanent connection has been identified through guardianship or PPWFWR. This status may NOT be used for youth whose goal is being changed to APPLA or if the Michigan Children's Institute (MCI) has instructed the adoption worker to place the child on hold.

Timeframe: This status can be used for 90 calendar days before returning the child to active status. At the end of the 90 calendar days, the child will be automatically returned to active status.

Note: This status will result in the child no longer being photolisted on the MARE website for adoption recruitment. This status must be approved by MARE staff, and will be re-evaluated at the end of 90 days before the child is re listed on the MARE website.

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