

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~

Adoption and Guardian Assistance Office (AGAO)	The Adoption Medical Subsidy program is a reimbursement program that assists with paying for medical or treatment costs for children who were adopted or receiving guardianship assistance from Michigan's child welfare system. Examples: Tutoring, durable medical equipment, camps, dental, glasses, mental health services.	https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/adoption/post-adoption-resources/agao → Adult and Children's Services → Adoption → Post-Adoption Parent Resources → Adoption and Guardianship Assistance -> Adoption and Guardianship Payments Publication 538: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/-/media/Project/Web/sites/mdhhs/Adult-and-Childrens-Services/Adoption/DHS-Pub538_132926_7.pdf?rev=59018bc7ae6d40c7b960ec38c5bfa7a1&hash=E54AEE43B005608EA4A06150B216B097 Contact List: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/-/media/Project/Web/sites/mdhhs/Adult-and-Childrens-Services/Adoption/DHS-AdoptionSubsidy-Contacts_253834_7.pdf
Community Mental Health (CMH)	Lists CMH locations statewide along with contact information (phone and email)	https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/mentalhealth/mentalhealth/cmhsp
The Post Adoption Resource Centers (PARC)	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.	https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/adoption/post-adoption-resources/post-adoption-resource-centers https://www.mare.org/For-Families/Post-Adoption-Information
Fostering Forward Michigan (FFMICH)	FFMICH provides personal and group support, education, and advocacy for children and caregiving families (FAK families) statewide. Emphasis is placed on assisting the caregiving home in reaching best outcomes during foster care <i>and</i> after permanency has been reached.	www.ffmich.org https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/foster-care/support
Local Faith Based Organizations	Faith-Based initiative offering support to families and children. The Office of Faith Engagement and the Community and Faith-Based Initiative on Foster Care and Adoption lead MDHHS' efforts to build and support partnerships with community and faith-based organizations to better serve the children and adults that live in their communities.	https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/doing-business/community-faith-based-programs

The Adoptive Family Support Network (AFSN) 1-855-MICH-P2P or afsn@dabsj.org	AFSN is a statewide support group for foster, adoptive, kinship and guardianship families. AFSN offers support statewide to adoptive families through their Parent to Parent Program. Their website includes a page that features a county by county listing of support groups across the state.	https://dabsj.org/what-we-do/adoption/post-adoption-support Support groups statewide and listed by county: https://dabsj.org/what-we-do/adoption/post-adoption-support#support-groups
The Kinship Care Resource Center 1-800-535-1218 kinship@msu.edu	Offers a multitude of resources for kinship families such as training events and educational tools for caregivers.	http://www.kinship.msu.edu/ Kinship Support Groups: https://kinshipmsu.my.site.com/s/support-calendar