

POST-ADOPTION RESOURCES FOR MICHIGAN FAMILIES

Adoption-Related Resources		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
Adoption Assistance and Medical Subsidy	Support and medical reimbursement programs for eligible children adopted from the Michigan child welfare system. Contact information includes access to all adoption and guardianship assistance office staff.	https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/adoption/post-adoption-resources/agao Adoption and Guardianship Assistance Office 235 S. Grand Ave., Ste. 612 PO Box 30037 Lansing, MI 48909
Adoption Tax Credit	Families who adopted a child with special needs from foster care could claim a federal adoption tax credit even if they had no adoption expenses. Children who receive adoption assistance/subsidy benefits are considered children with special needs. Other adoptive families are also eligible for the credit, but must have (and be able to document, if requested by the IRS) qualified adoption expenses.	IRS: http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc607.html Families Rising: https://wearefamiliesrising.org/adoption-tax-credit/ Phone: 651-644-3036
Children's Special Health Care	Information from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Division regarding programs for eligible children.	http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942_4911_35698---,00.html Phone: 800-359-3722
Adoption Records/Central Adoption Registry	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Department (MDHHS) where adoptees, adoptive families and birth family members can make requests for information from closed adoption records. The Central Adoption Registry, maintained by MDHHS, is a collection of former parent and adult former sibling statements of consent or denial to release information about them to an adult adoptee.	https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_7116_7125---,00.html MDHHS Central Adoption Registry Attn: Post Adoption Inquiry Analyst PO Box 30037, Ste. 514 Lansing, MI 48909
Legal Aid	MichiganLegalHelp.org provides help with legal problems to low income residents of Michigan.	https://michiganlegalhelp.org/

Post Adoption Resource Centers (PARCs)	PARCs are statewide and assist families and youth who are under the age of 21 and were adopted from Michigan's foster care system, or through an international adoption, or a direct consent/direct placement adoption, or were placed in guardianship from Michigan's foster care system and are eligible for Michigan's guardianship assistance program. Available services include support, education, training, advocacy, information, and case management.	https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_7116_63826_63829---,00.html
Parent Support Groups		
Adoptive Family Support Network (AFSN)	AFSN is a statewide support group for foster, adoptive, kinship and guardianship families. It offers statewide support to adoptive families through their Parent to Parent Program. Their website also includes a page that features a listing of support groups by county.	https://dabsj.org/what-we-do/adoption/post-adoption-support 2172 Dean Lake Avenue NE Grand Rapids, MI 49505 Phone: 855-642-4727 Email: Afsn@dabsj.org
Families Rising (Formerly the North American Council on Adoptable Children/NACAC)	At Families Rising, we harness the power of lived experiences to offer unparalleled support , education , and advocacy in the child welfare system. Whether you're seeking guidance or aiming to influence change, we're here to support your adoption, foster care, and/or kinship care journey.	https://wearefamiliesri.org/ 2380 Wycliff Street Suite 200-11 Saint Paul, MN 55114 https://wearefamiliesri.org/get-in-touch/
Family Enrichment Center (FEC)	FEC is a non-profit organization serving Calhoun County of Michigan. They provide training, support, mentoring and services to all families, with an emphasis on adoptive, foster and kinship families.	https://www.fecfamily.com/ 415 S 28th St Battle Creek, MI 49015 Phone: 269-660-0449 Email: info@fecfamily.com

Fostering Forward Michigan (FFMICH)	FFMICH provides personal and group support, education, and advocacy for children and caregiving families for foster, adoptive and kinship 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.	http://www.FosteringForwardmi.org P.O. Box 805 Howell, MI 48844 Phone: 517-225-7145 Email: Support@fosteringforwardmi.org
Post Adoption Resource Centers (PARCs)	All PARC regions in the state offer monthly support groups.	https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_7116_63826_63829---,00.html
Adoption Education Resources		
AdoptUSKids	Offers an array of services to both families and child welfare professionals. From tips and resources to an extensive database of children in U.S. foster care available for adoption and families who are home studied and approved to adopt them.	http://www.adoptuskids.org/ Toll-Free Phone (Weekdays 9am – 5pm) In English: 888-200-4005 En Español: 877-236-7831 In English: info@adoptuskids.org En español: espanol@adoptuskids.org
Child Welfare Information Gateway	Resources on all aspects of domestic and inter-country adoption, with a focus on adoption from the U.S. foster care system. This site includes information for adoption professionals, adopted adults, expectant parents considering adoption, birth parents and relatives, and prospective and adoptive parents on a broad range of adoption topics.	https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/adoption/ Child Welfare Information Gateway 1250 Maryland Ave. SW Washington, DC 20024 Phone: 800-394-3366 Email: info@childwelfare.gov
Creating a Family	Creating a Family is a support and training nonprofit for foster, adoptive, and kinship families. Their site contains educational resources, podcasts, and webinars.	https://creatingafamily.org/
Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption	This foundation provides free educational resources for professionals and parents.	https://davethomasfoundation.org/ 4900 Tuttle Crossing Blvd. Dublin, OH 43016 Phone: 1-800-275-3832 Email: info@davethomasfoundation.org

EMK Press	A publisher of tools and resources for families formed by adoption.	http://www.emkpress.com/ 16 Mt. Bethel Road, #219, Warren, NJ 07059 Phone: 732-469-7544 Email: info@emkpress.com
Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE)	MARE provides information for families after adoption including helpful links to educational resources.	http://www.mare.org/ 3840 Packard Rd., Ste. 170 Ann Arbor, MI 48108 Phone: 800-589-6273 Online contact: https://www.mare.org/Contact-Us
The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN)	Established to improve access to care, treatment, and services for traumatized children and adolescents exposed to traumatic events. They provide educational material regarding the impact of trauma on children and those caring for them.	http://www.nctsn.org/ NCCTS — University of California, Los Angeles 11150 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 650 Los Angeles, CA 90064 Phone: 310-235-2633 NCCTS — Duke University 1121 West Chapel Hill Street, Suite 201 Durham, NC 27701 Phone: 919-682-1552 Program Office of the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative Center for Mental Health Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Department of Health and Human Services 5600 Fishers Lane Parklawn Building, Room 17C-26 Rockville, MD 20857
Safety Concerns		
Creating a Family	Article on <i>Common Sense Internet Rules for Kids (adopted or otherwise)</i> . Site also has podcasts, toolkits, and online courses.	http://creatingafamily.org/adoption-category/common-sense-internet-rules-adopted-kids/
WomenLaw.org	Information about safety with social media.	https://www.womenslaw.org/about-abuse/safety-tips/safety-while-using-social-media
Safety Planning for Birth Parent Contact	Article to help adoptive parents plan for contact with a child's birth parent(s) when unexpected or unsolicited.	http://www.mare.org/Portals/0/Worker%20Forms/Guides/Safety%20Planning%20for%20Birth%20Parent%20Contact%20for%20website.pdf

Assistance for Older Youth

Fostering Success Michigan	<p>Fostering Success Michigan is a statewide initiative that aims to increase awareness, access and success in higher education and post-college careers for youth and alumni of foster care.</p>	<p>http://fosteringsuccessmichigan.com/</p> <p>Phone: 269-823-4104 Email: fsm@fosteringsuccessmichigan.com</p>
Michigan Education and Training Voucher (ETV)	<p>The ETV program allows Michigan to provide up to \$5,000 per year to a student in an accredited program, such as colleges, trade schools, and universities.</p> <p><i>Only children who were in foster care on or after their 14th birthday are eligible.</i></p>	<p>http://michigan.gov/fyit/0,1607,7-240-44289-160381--,00.html</p> <p>For more information contact: Tanya Maki, ETV Coordinator Samaritas 729 W Michigan Ave, Ste. 200 Jackson, MI 49201</p> <p>Phone: 877-660-METV Fax: 517-789-5049</p> <p>Where youth can apply: Online: https://mietv.samaritas.org Phone: 877-660-METV</p>
Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative (MYOI)	<p>The program was created to improve outcomes for youth transitioning from the foster care system to adulthood.</p> <p>The program can assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Employment • Housing • Physical and mental health • Permanency • Social and community engagement 	<p>http://www.michigan.gov/fyit/0,1607,7-240-44524-162619--,00.html</p> <p>Fact Sheet: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dhs/myoi-factsheet_311521_7.pdf</p> <p>Contact Sheet: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/fyit/MYOI-Counties_355942_7.pdf</p>
Youth in Transition (YIT)	<p>Youth in Transition, (Michigan's name for Chafee) is a funding source available to cover expenses NOT covered by other government or community resources, or to augment or supplement services from other funding sources. A wide range of expenses can be covered for eligible youth.</p> <p><i>This funding only applies to youth who were in foster care on or after their 14th birthday.</i></p>	<p>http://www.michigan.gov/fyit/0,1607,7-240-44524-161180--,00.html</p> <p>A youth with a closed case must apply for closed case services (YIT) in the current county of residence through the local MDHHS office.</p> <p>Contact your local MDHHS office: http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_5461---,00.html</p>