

## POST-ADOPTION RESOURCES FOR MICHIGAN ADOPTIVE 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.	<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs">www.michigan.gov/mdhhs</a> → Adult and Children’s Services → Adoption → Post-Adoption Parent Resources → Adoption Assistance Payments  Adoption and Guardianship Assistance Office 235 S. Grand Ave., Ste. 612 PO Box 30037 Lansing, MI 48909 517-335-7801
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: <a href="http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc607.html">http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc607.html</a>  NACAC: <a href="http://www.nacac.org/taxcredit/taxcredit.html">http://www.nacac.org/taxcredit/taxcredit.html</a> 651-644-3036
Children’s Special Health Care	Information from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Division regarding programs for eligible children.	<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942_4911_35698---,00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942_4911_35698---,00.html</a> 800-359-3722
Adoption Records/Central Adoption Registry	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Department where Adoptee’s, Adoptive Families and Birth Family members can make requests for information from closed adoption records. The Central Adoption Registry is 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.	<a href="http://michigan.gov/dhs/0,4562,7-124-60126_7116_7125---,00.html">http://michigan.gov/dhs/0,4562,7-124-60126_7116_7125---,00.html</a> Connie S. Stevens, LMSW, LMFT, ACSW MDHHS Central Adoption Registry/Post Adoption Inquiry Analyst PO Box 30037, Ste. 514 Lansing, MI 48909

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Legal Aid	MichiganLegalAid.org provides help with legal problems to low income residents of Michigan.	<a href="http://www.michiganlegalaid.org/">http://www.michiganlegalaid.org/</a>
Post Adoption Resource Centers (PARCs)	PARCs are statewide and provide individuals under the age of 21 and their families who were adopted from Michigan's foster care system or through an international adoption or a direct consent or direct placement adoption or placed in guardianship from Michigan's foster care system that are eligible for Michigan's guardianship assistance program. Available services include support, education, training, advocacy, information, service coordination and case management services.	<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,4562,7-124-60126_7116_63826_63829---,00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,4562,7-124-60126_7116_63826_63829---,00.html</a>
<b>Parent Support Groups</b>		
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Adoptive Family Support Network (AFSN )	AFSN was established to offer support to adoptive families in western Michigan. <b>Their website also includes a page that features a county by county listing of support groups across the state.</b> To access the list go to: <a href="https://dabsj.org/what-we-do/adoption/post-adoption-support#support-groups">https://dabsj.org/what-we-do/adoption/post-adoption-support#support-groups</a>	<a href="https://dabsj.org/what-we-do/adoption/post-adoption-support">https://dabsj.org/what-we-do/adoption/post-adoption-support</a> 805 Leonard NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503 1-855-MICH-P2P
Families on the Move (FOM)	Provides support for foster/adoptive caregivers, training, advocacy, family events and support groups for parents and youth.	<a href="http://supportfotm.wix.com/supportfotm">http://supportfotm.wix.com/supportfotm</a> Families On The Move, Inc. P.O.BOX 35037 Detroit, Michigan 48235 313-532-0012
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.	<a href="http://www.fecfamily.com/index.html">http://www.fecfamily.com/index.html</a> 415 28th St S Battle Creek, MI 49015 269-660-0448

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Fostering Forward Michigan	State wide parent support group for foster, adoptive and kinship families.	<a href="http://www.FosteringForwardmi.org">http://www.FosteringForwardmi.org</a> P.O. Box 805 Howell, MI 48844 734-395-2393
North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)	NACAC is a national organization committed to meeting the needs of waiting children and the families who adopt them through advocacy, education, parent leadership capacity building, and adoption support.	<a href="http://www.nacac.org/">http://www.nacac.org/</a> 651-644-3036
<b>Adoption Education Resources</b>		
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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.	<a href="http://www.adoptuskids.org/">http://www.adoptuskids.org/</a> Toll-Free Phone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In English: 1-888-200-4005</li> <li>• En Español: 1-877-236-7831</li> </ul>
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.	<a href="https://www.childwelfare.gov/adoption">https://www.childwelfare.gov/adoption</a> Personal assistance and inquiries: 1-800-394-3366
Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption	This foundation provides free educational resources, for professionals and parents.	<a href="https://davethomasfoundation.org/">https://davethomasfoundation.org/</a> 1-800-275-3832

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EMK Press	A publisher of tools and resources for families formed by adoption.	<a href="http://www.emkpress.com/">http://www.emkpress.com/</a> 16 Mt. Bethel Road, #219, Warren, NJ 07059 732-469-7544
Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE)	MARE provides information for families after adoption including helpful links to educational resources.	<a href="http://www.mare.org/">http://www.mare.org/</a> 3840 Packard Rd, Ste. 170 Ann Arbor, MI 48108 1-800-589-6273
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.	<a href="http://www.nctsn.org/">http://www.nctsn.org/</a> NCCTS — University of California, Los Angeles 11150 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 650 Los Angeles, CA 90064 310-235-2633  NCCTS — Duke University 411 West Chapel Hill Street, Suite 200 Durham, NC 27701 919-682-1552
<b>Social Media Safety</b>		
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Creating a Family	Article on social media for adoptive families: <i>Common Sense Internet Rules for Kids (adopted or otherwise)</i>	<a href="http://creatingafamily.org/adoption-category/common-sense-internet-rules-adopted-kids/">http://creatingafamily.org/adoption-category/common-sense-internet-rules-adopted-kids/</a>

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Montgomery Media	Article about children looking for birth parents on line.	<a href="http://www.montgomerynews.com/articles/2013/05/09/parents_express/columns/doc518c1fd1d2668023649256.txt">http://www.montgomerynews.com/articles/2013/05/09/parents_express/columns/doc518c1fd1d2668023649256.txt</a>
WomenLaw.org	Information about safety with social media.	<a href="http://womenslaw.org/laws_state_type.php?id=13883&amp;state_code=PG">http://womenslaw.org/laws_state_type.php?id=13883&amp;state_code=PG</a>
Safety Planning for Birth Parent Contact	Article designed to help adoptive parents plan for contact with a child's birth parent(s) when contact is unexpected or not solicited.	View article here:  <a href="http://www.mare.org/Portals/0/Worker%20Forms/Guides/Safety%20Planning%20for%20Birth%20Parent%20Contact%20for%20website.pdf">http://www.mare.org/Portals/0/Worker%20Forms/Guides/Safety%20Planning%20for%20Birth%20Parent%20Contact%20for%20website.pdf</a>
<b>Youth adopted on or after their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, may be eligible for the following programs:</b>		
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Fostering Success Michigan	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.	<a href="http://fosteringuccessmichigan.com/">http://fosteringuccessmichigan.com/</a> 269-387-8386
Michigan Education and Training Voucher (ETV) – Fact Sheet	The ETV program allows Michigan to provide up to \$5,000 per year to a student in an accredited programs such as: College /Trade School /University. Only those children who were in foster care on or after their 14th birthday are eligible.	<a href="http://michigan.gov/fyit/0,1607,7-240-44289-160381--,00.html">http://michigan.gov/fyit/0,1607,7-240-44289-160381--,00.html</a>  For more information call the ETV Coordinator, Tanya Maki: 1-877-660-METV. Lutheran Social Services of Michigan

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		209 E. Washington Suite 284 Jackson, MI 49201 Fax: 517-789-5049
Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative	<p>The program was created to improve outcomes for youth transitioning from the foster care system to adulthood. The program can assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and Employment</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Physical and mental health</li> <li>• Permanency</li> </ul> <p>Social and community engagement</p>	<p>Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative (MYOI)</p> <p><a href="http://www.michigan.gov/fyit/0,1607,7-240-44524-162619--,00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/fyit/0,1607,7-240-44524-162619--,00.html</a></p> <p>Fact Sheet:</p> <p><a href="http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dhs/myoi-factsheet_311521_7.pdf">http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dhs/myoi-factsheet_311521_7.pdf</a></p>
Youth in Transition	<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>This funding only applies to youth who were in foster care on or after their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.</p>	<p>Foster Youth in Transition</p> <p><a href="http://www.michigan.gov/fyit/0,1607,7-240-44524-161180--,00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/fyit/0,1607,7-240-44524-161180--,00.html</a></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:</p> <p><a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_5461---,00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_5461---,00.html</a></p>