

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>Adoption and Guardian Assistance Office (AGAO)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Examples: Tutoring, durable medical equipment, camps, dental, glasses, mental health services.</p>	<p>www.michigan.gov/mdhhs → Adult and Children's Services → Adoption → Post-Adoption Parent Resources → Adoption Assistance Payments https://www.michigan.gov/documents/DHS-Pub538_132926_7.pdf</p> <p>www.michigan.gov/mdhhs → Keeping Michigan Healthy → Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability → Mental Health → Community Mental Health Services → Map of Community Mental Health Services Programs</p> <p>www.michigan.gov/mdhhs → Adult and Children's Services → Adoption → Post-Adoption Parent Resources</p> <p>https://www.mare.org/For-Families/Post-Adoption-Information</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 → Map of Community Mental Health Services Programs</p>
<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>https://www.mare.org/For-Families/Post-Adoption-Information</p>
<p>Fostering Forward Michigan</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>www.ffmich.org</p> <p>http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs → Adult & Children's Services → Foster Care → Support for Parents</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 → Community and Faith Based Programs → Community and Faith Based Initiative</p>
<p>The Adoptive Family Support Network (AFSN) 1-855-MICH-P2P or afsn@dabsj.org</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>dabsj.org →What We Do → Adoption → scroll down to Post-Adoption Support (https://dabsj.org/what-we-do/adoption/post-adoption-support)</p> <p>Support groups statewide and listed by county: https://dabsj.org/what-we-do/adoption/post-adoption-support#support-groups</p>
<p>The Kinship Care Resource Center 517-355-9600 1-800-535-1218</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 → Kinship Support Groups</p>