

State Resources

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Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Divisions

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DHHS – Adoption and Permanency Division			
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	Voice Mail		(517) 241-0457
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	Medicaid Health Plan or Health Card		(800) 642-3195
	Post Adoption Medical Subsidy Applications		(517) 335-6304
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Description: Regulates interstate adoption.

Adoptive Family Support Network

State Resources

233 E. Fulton, Suite 24 Phone(616)-458-7945
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Programs: The mission of the Adoptive Family Support Network (AFSN) is to support the lifelong well-being of adoptive families. AFSN offers a support network to adoptive families and access to community post-adoption resources, while also raising awareness within the community about families formed by adoption.

Website: www.afsn.org

Big Family of Michigan, Inc.

30541 Utica Road John Iris helpkids@bigfamilyofmichigan.org (586) 445-7735
Roseville, MI 48066

Programs: Works with agencies, foster parents, social workers, and children in foster care to improve the quality of life for children in care. Advocacy; recruitment; and special events targeted to children in foster care.

Children's Charter of Courts of Michigan

324 N. Pine Street #1 Phone(517) 482-7533
Lansing, MI 48933 Fax(517) 483-2626

Programs: Information and referral; public policy advocacy; child abuse prevention advocacy; court appointed special advocate (CASA) program development.

Service Area: State of Michigan.

State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) – Foster Care Review Board Program

Detroit Office

Supreme Court State Court Admin. Phone(313) 972-3280
Office/Child Welfare MI Services Fax(313) 972-3289

Cadillac Place
3034 West Grand Blvd, Suite 8-400
Detroit, MI 48202

Service Area: Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Genesee, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Saginaw, Tuscola, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties.

Gaylord Office

FCRB Program – SCAO Phone(989) 732-0494
400 W. Main Street, Suite 113 Fax(989) 931-4538

P.O. Box 9
Gaylord, MI 49734

Service Area: Remainder of State

Programs: Review of foster care cases; hears appeals by foster parents when children are removed from their homes.

Website: www.courts.michigan.gov/scao/services/fcrb/fcrb.htm

Michigan Association of Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Parents

P.O. Box 746 Phone(269) 637-5093
Mt. Clemens, MI 48046

Programs: Retention and empowerment of families to successfully parent all children placed in their care by providing training, advocacy, legislation, and support groups.

Website: www.mafak.msu.edu

Michigan Federation for Children and Families

320 N. Washington Square Janet R. Snyder, Exec. Dir. info@michfed.org
Suite 100 Phone(517) 485-8552
Lansing, MI 48933 Fax(517) 485-6680

Programs: Public policy and advocacy.

Website: www.michfed.org

Office of Children's Ombudsman

P.O. Box 30026 Toll Free.....(800) MICH-FAM or (800) 642-4326
Lansing, MI 48933 Phone(517) 373-3077

Programs: Investigative/child specific protective services for children (juvenile justice, foster care, and adoption). Investigates complaints concerning children who are involved in Michigan's child welfare system for reasons of abuse or neglect. This office makes recommendations to Michigan's governor, the legislature, and the Department of Health and Human Services in regard to laws, rules, and policies with the intent of improving outcomes for children involved in the child welfare system. **Website:** www.michigan.gov/oco

State and Regional Exchanges and Resources

Agency/Address	Website	Phone
<u>Alabama</u>		
Families 4 Alabama's Kids	www.adoptuskids.org/states/al/ www.dhr.alabama.gov/services/Family_Services/Fam4Kids.aspx	(866)-4AL-KIDS (866)-425-5437
<u>Alaska</u>		
Alaska Adoption Exchange	www.hss.state.ak.us/ocs/Adoptions/default.htm	(907)-465-3204
<u>Arizona</u>		
Arizona Department of Economic Security	www.azdes.gov/dcyf/adoption	(602) 542-3981 (877) 543-7633
<u>Arkansas</u>		
Arkansas Adoption Resource Exchange	www.accessarkansas.org/dhs/adoption/adoption.html https://dhs.arkansas.gov/dcf/heartgallery.index.htm	(888) 736-2820
<u>California</u>		
California Kids Connection	www.familybuilders.org	San Francisco Oakland (415) 970-9601 (510) 272-0204
California Department of Social Service Child and Youth Permanency Branch	www.childsworld.ca.gov	(916) 651-7465 (800) KIDS-4US
<u>Colorado</u>		
The Adoption Exchange	www.adoptex.org	(800) 451-5246
Colorado Department of Human Services	www.changealife forever.org	(303) 866-5932
<u>Connecticut</u>		
Connecticut Dept. of Children & Families	www.adoptuskids.org/states/ct/index.aspx	(888) KID-HERO (888) 543-4376
<u>Delaware</u>		
Delaware Youth and Family Center	http://kids.delaware.gov/information/adoption.shtml	(302) 633-2655
<u>Florida</u>		
Florida Dept. of Children & Families	www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/adoption/	(904) 353-0679
<u>Georgia</u>		
Adoption Exchange	email: sereed@dhr.state.ga.us	(404) 657-3550
My Turn Now, Inc.	www.myturnnow.com	(800) 603-1322 (404) 657-3479
<u>Hawaii</u>		
Partners in Development Foundation	www.pidfoundation.org	(888) 879-8970 (808) 441-1115
<u>Idaho</u>		
Idaho's Wednesday's Child	www.idahowednesdayschild.org	(800) 926-2588
Special Needs Adoptive Parents Services (SNAPS)		(208) 345-6646
<u>Illinois</u>		
Adoption Information Center of Illinois (AICI)	www.adoptinfo-il.org	(312) 346-1516 (800) 572-2390
<u>Indiana</u>		
Indiana Foster Care & Adoption Assoc.	www.ifcaa.org	(888) 25-ADOPT
<u>Iowa</u>		
Iowa Kids Net	www.iakids.org	(800) 243-0756
<u>Kansas</u>		
Kansas Children's Service League	www.kcsl.org	(877) 530-5275

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Agency/Address	Website	Phone
<u>Kentucky</u>		
Special Needs Adoption Program (SNAP)	https://apps.chfs.ky.gov/snap/	(800) 928-4303 (800) 432-9346
<u>Louisiana</u>		
Department of Social Services	www.adoptuskids.org/states/la/	(800) 259-3428
<u>Maine</u>		
A Family for ME	www.maineadoption.com	
<u>Maryland</u>		
Maryland Dept. of Human Resources	www.adoptuskids.org/states/md/index.aspx	(800) 39-ADOPT
<u>Massachusetts</u>		
Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange, Inc.	http://www.mareinc.org	(617) 54-ADOPT (800) 882-1176
<u>Minnesota</u>		
Minnesota Adoption Resource Network, Inc	www.mnadopt.org	(866) 303-6276 (612) 861-7115
<u>Mississippi</u>		
Mississippi Children's Home Services	www.mchscares.org	(601) 352-7784 (800) 388-6247
<u>Missouri</u>		
Missouri Adoption Exchange	www.adoptex.org	(800) 554-2222
<u>Montana</u>		
Dept. of Public Health & Human Services	http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd/adoption/adoptioninmontana.shtml	(866) 9FOSTER
<u>Nebraska</u>		
Nebraska Adoption Exchange	www.hhss.ne.gov/adoption	(402) 471-3121 (800) 772-7368
<u>Nevada</u>		
The Adoption Exchange	www.adoptex.org	(702) 436-6335
<u>New Hampshire</u>		
New Hampshire Dept. of Health and Human Services	www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/FCADOPTION/default.htm	(603) 271-4711
<u>New Jersey</u>		
State of New Jersey Dept. of Children & Families	www.state.nj.us/njfofadopt	(800) 99-ADOPT
<u>New Mexico</u>		
New Mexico Adoption Exchange	www.adoptex.org	(505) 247-1769
<u>New York</u>		
The Adoption Album	www.ocfs.state.ny.us/adopt	(800) 345-5437
<u>North Carolina</u>		
NC Kids	www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/adopt/index.html	(877) NCKIDS-1
<u>North Dakota</u>		
North Dakota Dept. of Human Services	www.nd.gov/dhs/services/childfamily/adoption	(800) 472-2622
<u>Ohio</u>		
Adopt Ohio	http://jfs.ohio.gov/oapl	(866) 635-3748 (option 2, ext. 3)

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Agency/Address	Website	Phone
<u>Oklahoma</u>		
Oklahoma Dept. of Human Services	www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/adopt	(918) 794-7544
<u>Oregon</u>		
Northwest Adoption Exchange	www.nwae.org/wait-or.html	(800) 927-9411
A Family for Every Child	http://lanecountyheartgallery.org	(541) 343-2856
<u>Pennsylvania</u>		
Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange	www.adoptuskids.org	(800) 585-SWAN
Statewide Adoption & Permanency Network	www.diakon-swan.org	(800) 585-SWAN
<u>Rhode Island</u>		
Adoption Rhode Island	www.adoptionri.org	(401) 865-6000
<u>South Carolina</u>		
South Carolina Council on Adoptable Children	www.sc-adopt.org	(888) 515-2622 (803) 256-2622
South Carolina Heart Gallery	http://scheartgallery.org	(803) 734-2595
<u>South Dakota</u>		
South Dakota Dept. of Social Services	http://dss.sd.gov/adoption	(605) 773-3165
<u>Tennessee</u>		
State Adoption Exchange	http://state.tn.us/youth/adoption.htm	(877) DCS-KIDS
<u>Texas</u>		
Texas Adoption Resource Exchange	www.adoptchildren.org	(800) 233-3405
<u>Utah</u>		
The Adoption Exchange	www.utdcfsadopt.org	(801) 265-0444
<u>Vermont</u>		
Vermont Dept. for Children & Families	http://dcfvermont.gov/projectfamily/adopting	(802) 241-2780 (800) 746-7000
<u>Virginia</u>		
Virginia Dept. of Social Services	www.dss.virginia.gov/family/ap/children_for_adoption.html	(800) DO-ADOPT (800) 362-3678
<u>Washington</u>		
Families Like Ours	www.familieslikeours.org	(206) 441-7602
Washington State Dept. of Social & Health Services	www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/adopt/index.asp	(360) 902-7968
<u>West Virginia</u>		
West Virginia Adoption Resource Network	www.adoptawvchild.org	N/A
<u>Wisconsin</u>		
Adoption Resources of Wisconsin	www.wiadopt.org	(800) 762-8063 (414) 475-1246
Foster Care and Adoption Resource Center	www.wifostercareandadoption.org	(800) 947-8074
<u>Wyoming</u>		
The Adoption Exchange	www.adoptex.org	(800) 451-5246

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Regional Exchanges		
The Adoption Exchange	www.adoptex.org	(800) 451-5246
Member States:		
Colorado		(303) 755-4756
Missouri		(800) 554-2222
Nevada		(702) 436-6335
New Mexico		(505) 247-1769
Oklahoma		
South Dakota		
Utah		(801) 265-0444
Wyoming		
Northwest Adoption Exchange	www.nwae.org	(800) 927-9411
Member States: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington		
The Southeastern Exchange	www.sc-adopt.org/SEEUS	(864) 242-0460
Member States: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee		
Adoption Services	www.adoptionservices.org	(800) 943-0400
Member States:		
New Jersey		
Pennsylvania		
Florida		
Adopt America Network		
1500 N. Superior St., Suite 303	www.adoptamericanetwork.org	(419)-726-5100
Toledo, OH 43604		(800) 246-1731
Programs: Special needs adoptions; support groups; homestudies; information; and referrals.		
Adoption Exchange Association and AdoptUsKids		
8015 Corporate Drive	www.adoptuskids.org	(410)-933-5700
Suite C	www.adoptea.org	(800) 200-4005
Baltimore, MD 21236		Fax (410) 933-5716
Programs: National association of adoption exchanges; manuals on military adoption standard for adoption exchanges; and an IPC guide book; primary contractor of the Collaboration to AdoptUsKids.		
Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance		
1133 19 th Street NW	www.aaicama.org	(202)-682-0100
Suite 400		Fax (202) 289-6555
Washington, DC 20036		
Programs: Information regarding the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance and its application. Primarily targeted to adoption professionals, but also educational for prospective adoptive parents, birth parents, and others.		
Children Awaiting Parents Inc.		
595 Blossom Road	www.capbook.org	(585)-232-5110
Suite 306	www.childrenawaitingparents.org	(888) 835-8802
Rochester, NY 14610		Fax (585) 232-2634
Programs: Individual recruitment plans for older children; adoption and foster care referrals; maintenance of a national photolisting book of children available for adoption (The CAP book).		
Child Welfare Information Gateway		
Children's Bureau/ACYF	www.childwelfare.gov	(800)-394-3366
1250 Maryland Avenue SW		Fax (703) 385-3206
8 th Floor		
Washington, DC 20024		
Programs: Information on all aspects of adoption and child welfare throughout the United States, including domestic and international adoptions.		

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Agency/Address	Website	Phone
Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption		
525 Metro Place North Suite 220 Dublin, OH 43017	www.davethomasfoundation.org/our-work/wendy-s-wonderful-kids	(800) ASK-DTFA
Programs: The foundation awards grants to public and private agencies to hire adoption professionals to actively recruit families for specific children available for adoption. The foundation is also a source of adoption resources and information.		
IChooseAdoption.org		
	www.ichooseadoption.org	(866)-21-ADOPT
Programs: Information for pregnant women considering adoption for their unborn children.		
National Adoption Center		
1500 Walnut Street Suite 701 Philadelphia, PA 19102	www.adopt.org http://wednesdayschild.adopt.org	(215)-735-9988 (800) TO-ADOPT Fax (215) 735-9410
Programs: National recruitment database of children, resources, and referrals; Weekly television feature about adoption in several large metropolitan areas across the country. Past broadcasts are presented on the Wednesday's Child website.		
Wendy's Wonderful Kids program: Three agencies in Michigan have Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) program. WWK is a child specific, specialized adoption recruitment program aimed at finding homes for children in foster care waiting for adoption. This program is by referral only. Contact a WWK recruiter directly for additional information. Michigan's current WWK recruiters are:		
Family Service & Children's Aid	Jessie Mae Secord	secord@strong-families.org (517) 787-7920 Ext. 544
Spaulding for Children	Letitia Wright	lwright@spaulding.org (248) 443-7080 Ext. 243
Spaulding for Children	Samantha Matty	smatty@spaulding.org (248) 443-7080 Ext. 247
St. Vincent Catholic Charities	Sacha Graves	gravess@stvcc.org (517) 323-4734 Ext. 1608
National Council for Adoption		
225 N. Washington Street Alexandria, VA 22314	www.adoptioncouncil.org	(703) 299-6633
Programs: Advocacy; resources for federal officials and policy makers; source of adoption information including state and federal laws.		
National Resource Center for Adoption		
Housed at Spaulding for Children 16250 Northland Drive Suite 120 Southfield, MI 48075	www.nrcadoption.org	(248) 443-0306 Fax (248) 443-7099
Programs: Provides information to aid with special needs adoptions.		
North American Council on Adoptable Children		
970 Raymond Avenue Suite 106 St. Paul, MN 55114	www.nacac.org	(651) 644-3036 Fax (651) 644-9848
	Adoption Subsidy Resource Center Phone	(800) 470-6665
Programs: Provides leadership training and support services to parent groups including phone consultation to parents about available subsidies for their children with special needs; provides training and resources regarding trans-racial adoption; hosts an annual conference; analyzes child welfare issues; publishes a quarterly newsletter; and raises awareness about adoption.		
Office of Children's Issues		
U.S. Department of State Office of Children's Issues SA-29 2201 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20520	www.adoption.state.gov	(888) 407-4747 Outside of the US and Canada (202) 501-4444 Fax (202) 736-9080 General email AskCI@state.gov
Programs: Provides assistance to parents completing international adoptions.		
Stars of David International, Inc.		
3175 Commercial Avenue Suite 100 Northbrook, IL 60062	www.starsofdavid.org	(800) STAR-349
Programs: Provides a support and information network for Jewish and interfaith adoptive families.		

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Agency/Address	Website	Phone
Voice for Adoption 1220 L Street NW 100-344 Washington, DC 20005	www.voice-for-adoption.org	(202) 210-8118
Programs: National collaboration of child welfare organizations whose mission is to speak in a single voice with policy makers and to represent the interests of foster children awaiting adoption and the families who adopt them.		
World Association for Children and Parents 315 S. Second Street Renton, WA 98057	www.wacap.org	(206)-575-4550 (800) 732-1887 Fax (206) 575-4148
Programs: Assistance with international adoptions and child welfare.		

Adoption Search Services

Adoption Identity Movement of Grand Rapids

5767 Leisure Drive SE Phone.....(616)-531-1380
Grand Rapids, MI 49458 Fax(616) 532-5589

Description: Search and support assistance to all triad members. Certified confidential intermediary for the State of Michigan.
Service Area: State of Michigan

Adoption Identity Movement of Michigan, Inc.

644 Garfield Avenue Tina Caudill, Founder caudt@wideopenwest.com (248)-548-6291
P.O. Box 812
Hazel Park, MI 48030

Description: Offers education on post adoption issues, peer support for adult adoptees, birth parents, adoptive parents, siblings, and extended family; search assistance; and advocacy.

Service Area: Michigan-based adoptions with referrals to services in other states as needed.

Adoptee's Liberty Movement Association (ALMA)

The ALMA Society www.almasociety.org
P.O. Box 85 Email: manderson@almasociety.org
Denville, NJ 07834

Description: Assists adoptees with research on their biological family history. Has indexing system which contains vital statistics for matching adoptees and birth parents. Offers search assistance, moral support, and guidance. Communication is web-based and there is a one-time registration fee.

Adoptee's Search for Knowledge

P.O. Box 762
East Lansing, MI 48826 Phone.....(517) 321-7291

Programs: Search and support groups; court-appointed confidential intermediary.

Service Area: Michigan-based adoptions with referrals to services in other states as needed.

American Adoption Congress (AAC)

P.O. Box 42730 www.americanadoptioncongress.org
Washington, DC 20015

Programs: Education on adoption and adoption reform through national conferences, publications, and statewide coalitions; search and support reform for all triad members; and professional legislative reform.

Service Area: International

Child and Family Services of Michigan Inc. (State Office)

2157 University Park Drive www.c fsm.org
Okemos, MI 48864 Phone.....(517) 349-6226
Fax(517) 349-0969

Programs: Post adoption; confidential intermediary search; information; and referral services.

Serves: Adult adoptees and former family members involved in adoptions through Child and Family Services of Michigan, Inc., member agencies, and court-appointed cases.

Concerned United Birth Parents

www.cubirthparents.org (866)-21-ADOPT
P.O. Box 503475
San Diego, CA 92150

Programs: Support groups; newsletters; information on changing adoption laws; and monthly meetings. Focused on birth parents, but participation from adoptive parents, adoptees, and adoption professionals is welcomed.

Service Area: United States, Canada, and Europe

Find My Family Adoption Reunion Registry

www.findmyfamily.org
Description: A web-based resource that is run by volunteers to help self-registered members connect with birth families.

International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR)

P.O. Box 371179 www.isrr.net (775)-882-7755
Las Vegas, NV 89137 (888) 886-4777

Programs: Maintaining a computerized registry for adults seeking to be reunited with their birth families who have been separated.