

## 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~**

<b>Adoption and Guardian Assistance</b>	Provides link to sign up for EFT assistance payments, individuals to contact, and tentative payment dates. Link to Michigan’s Adoption Assistance Programs.	<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 <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/documents/DHS-Pub538_132926_7.pdf">https://www.michigan.gov/documents/DHS-Pub538_132926_7.pdf</a>
<b>Community Mental Health (CMH)</b>	Lists CMH locations statewide along with contact information (phone and email)	<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs">www.michigan.gov/mdhhs</a> → Keeping Michigan Healthy → Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability → Mental Health → Community Mental Health Services → Community Mental Health Services Programs
<b>Fostering Forward Michigan</b>	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.	<a href="http://www.ffmich.org">www.ffmich.org</a>  <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs">http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs</a> → Adult & Children’s Services → Foster Care → Support for Foster Parents
<b>Local Faith Based Organizations</b>	Faith-Based initiative offering support to families and children.	<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs">http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs</a> → Doing Business with MDHHS → Faith-Based Initiative → Get to Know Us → Faith-Based Adoption and Foster Parent Recruitment
<b>The Kinship Care Resource Center 517-355-9600 1-800-535-1218</b>	Offers a multitude of resources for kinship families such as training events and educational tools for caregivers.	<a href="http://www.kinship.msu.edu/">http://www.kinship.msu.edu/</a> Kinship.msu.edu → Resources → Support Groups
<b>The Post Adoption Resource Centers (PARC)</b>	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.	<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs">www.michigan.gov/mdhhs</a> → Adult and Children’s Services → Adoption → Post Adoption Parent Resources <a href="http://www.mare.org">www.mare.org</a> MARE.org → For Families → Post-Adoption Information → Post Adoption Resource Toolkit link (Provides information specifically for older adopted youth)