



The Burgher family used MARE's Match Support Program.

Match Support Program

Once you've been matched with a child from MARE, we're here to offer your family personalized support!

The Match Support Program is a statewide service offered to families adopting youth who have been featured on the MARE website. Match Support Program specialists from this voluntary program tailor services to each family's unique needs, goals and interests. Services are in place up to 90 days.

Participation

Families take part in weekly phone calls and monthly home visits with their Match Support specialist. For the convenience of families and when possible, specialists can try to schedule visits when other workers are in the home. Ongoing email contact also is provided, and families can call their specialist as often as needed.

Eligibility

General eligibility requirements are that the child has been photolisted on the MARE website and a Consideration or Intent to Adopt form has been signed. Exceptions may be requested if these criteria are not met. Contact us for more information.

Referral

Families may call directly to self-refer to the program, or they can be referred by adoption or foster care workers, MARE Adoption Navigators, Adoption Resource Consultants or other adoption team members.

Available services

- Identify needs with families
- Serve as empathetic listeners
- Assist in solving concerns
- Liaise with workers and teams
- Locate services and providers
- Provide parenting strategies and tips
- Provide a lending library of adoption-focused books
- Refer to support groups
- Provide assistance in finding community resources
- Help navigate school systems
- Plan for self-care and safety
- Plus many more based upon each family's needs

For more information or to make a referral, please contact:

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