



Professional Newsletter

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Belonging Matters—Helping Youth Explore Permanency

Help for talking to youth about the future

A bulletin by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau is designed to help child welfare and adoption professionals in working with youth living in foster care.

“Based on interviews with young people who were either adopted from foster care or who aged out of the system, the bulletin explores the beliefs, concerns, and emotions that motivate youth to seek or to avoid legal or relational permanency,” says AdoptUSKids.

Topics covered by the bulletin include:

- Help youth understand what family, belonging and permanency mean.

- Help youth explore their permanency options – what they want and why.
- Don’t allow independent living to be glamorized.
- Recognize that family loyalties may affect youths’ desire to pursue permanency.
- Encourage birth family connections.
- Everyone’s story is unique. Know the youth. Listen. Advocate.
- Be honest and direct with the youth.

For more information about this bulletin, visit www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/bulletins-belonging-matters/



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*NOTE: MARE is currently filling a vacant Match Support Staff position



Feed your mind on MARE's Instagram feed

If you like us on Facebook, then check us out on Instagram – @mareinmichigan – for additional stories, videos, information, resources and more.

We offer great insights into the

adoption process for families on your caseload packaged in fun and entertaining ways.

Make sure you and your families follow us on Instagram – we're certain you'll be glad you did!

MARE's FAQ page provides valuable information for families

The Frequently Asked Question page on Mare.org offers plenty of resources for families on your caseload.

There are links and answers to questions such as Do I have to be married to adopt or be a foster parent? What kinds of children are waiting for adoption? Do I have to own my own home? Do I need to make a lot of money? Why are so many children available for adoption from foster care older? Are there any younger children available for adoption? Can I adopt

just one child in a sibling group?

It never hurts for parents to gain knowledge about adoption from several resources, so guide them to Mare.org > For Families > Frequently Asked Questions.

While they're in the For Families section, they can browse the View Waiting Children page to see the youth photolisted on our website or they can click on the Family Registry section and learn how to enhance their search for an adopted child.

Calendar

August 19 In-Person MARE Meet & Greet

Taylor
10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

September 16 2023 Michigan Heart Gallery Premiere

Imagine Theaters
Royal Oak

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
The event will feature a movie, luncheon and more.

For more information, contact jessica_thompson@judsoncenter.org or call 734-528-2070.

Take note: Watch for notices of upcoming Meet & Greets on www.mare.org and on Facebook and Twitter.

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