

MARE Stages of Photolisting

The following statuses may be used for children who are photolisted on MARE for adoption recruitment. All statuses will be submitted online through the child's Adoption Worker's dashboard on the MARE website.

1. **Open/ General Photolisting**- This is the traditional photolisting status for an available waiting child.

Time Frame: None

2. **Reviewing Homestudies**- This status may be used when a child receives a high number of inquiries and the child's adoption worker feels that he or she can identify a family among the inquiries already received.

Time Frame: This registration status change must only be submitted to MARE to display this status on the MARE website prior to the 21-day time frame from the first family inquiry per policy. Note: This status can be used for up to 21 calendar days from receiving the first family inquiry before placing a photo listed child on hold or placement pending status or returning the child to Open status.

Note: Families may still inquire about the child through the MARE website, however they will be notified of the child's status at the time of inquiring.

3. **Placement Pending**- This status is to be used once a prospective family has been identified, and formal information sharing of the child's adoption referral packet is being planned and scheduled. This status is used **prior** to the prospective family signing the Intent to Adopt statement (DHS 4809). The child's adoption worker must provide the prospective family's name. This status is also appropriate if the child is visiting with a family or a relative is being explored prior to the DHS-4809, Intent to Adopt, being signed and/or the potential family has not yet been approved for adoption.

Time Frame: This status can be used for 60 calendar days for a photo listed child before placing the child on hold with a foster parent, relative or recruited family. At 60 calendar days the child will be returned to Open status. Extensions may be granted upon MARE approval. If the plan changes for the child prior to the 60 calendar days, the adoption worker must update the child's MARE Registration Status.

Note: Families may still inquire about the child through the MARE website, however they will be notified of the child's status at the time of inquiring.

4. **Other**- This status may be used if the court has ordered recruitment to cease or if a change in the child's permanency goal is to change to guardianship or PPFWR or if the Michigan Children's Institute (MCI) has instructed the adoption worker to suspend recruitment efforts. This status may not be used for youth whose goal is being changed to APPLA.

Time Frame: This status can be used for 90 calendar days before returning the child to Open status.

Note: This status will result in the child no longer be photolisted on the MARE website for adoption recruitment. This status must be approved by MARE's Supervisor or Program Manager, and will be re-evaluated at the end of the 90 days.

*For more information or guidance regarding the stages of photolisting,
please contact MARE's Adoption Worker Liaison at 800-589-6273.*