
PURPOSE

The purpose of the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) is to assist in identifying adoptive families for children whose legal status allows for adoption planning. Core services include:

- A tracking system for all children whose goal is adoption.
- Maintaining a website and quarterly recruitment periodical of children whose legal status allows for adoption planning.
- Maintaining a directory of approved adoptive families seeking to adopt children from foster care.
- Identification of preliminary matches between a child and an approved prospective adoptive family.
- Videotaping of children for specialized recruitment.
- Publishing quarterly newsletters for adoption professionals, families, and youth.
- Assisting local communities in developing adoption recruitment activities.
- Coordination of the Michigan Heart Gallery recruitment effort.
- Providing youth-based services, including a youth advisory board, website and related services.
- Facilitating statewide MDHHS Adoption Oversight Committee and related workgroups.
- Providing intake and referral services for families interested in adoption.
- Supporting and assisting prospective adoptive families in the adoption process.
- Providing supportive services for families pursuing adoption of children who have been photolisted on MARE.

**Contact
Information**

Detailed MARE information can be found on the [MARE website](#).

POLICY CONTACT

MARE phone contacts are:

800-589-6273 (in Michigan).

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Questions about this policy item may be directed to the [Child Welfare Policy Mailbox](#).