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.
MARE phone contacts are:

800-589-6273 (in Michigan).
734-528-1692 (outside Michigan).

POLICY CONTACT

Questions about this policy item may be directed to the Child Welfare Policy Mailbox.