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*Their futures are
our responsibility*



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Our mission

To unite private, nonprofit human service providers, advocates, customers, individuals and funders to...

- ◆ influence public policy in support of children, families and individuals' reaching their full potential;
- ◆ identify, develop and implement efficient and effective services to Michigan's most vulnerable children and families; and
- ◆ support and enhance the ability of Michigan's private, nonprofit agencies to provide human services.

Economic impact and community investment



Each year, Federation member agencies:

- ◆ Provide over a **half-billion dollars** worth of services to vulnerable children and families
- ◆ Generate over **\$30 million** in private donations to help offset operating costs
- ◆ Generate over **\$21 million** in payroll taxes
- ◆ Employ nearly **9,000** individuals across the state
- ◆ Engage **700+** community and business leaders as members of agency Boards of Directors
- ◆ Activate more than **17,000** volunteers, who generously devote over **700,000** hours of donated service to children and families

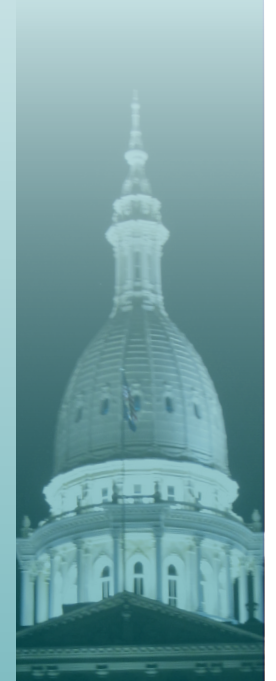
Advocacy impact of our vigilance and persistence



The Michigan Federation for Children and Families works tirelessly on behalf of children and families and the private, nonprofit agencies serving Michigan's most vulnerable citizens. The reasons *why* are clear in our mission, but the *ways* in which we influence funding, programs and operations through action are diverse and powerful. Member involvement has been vital to our progress and achievements.

The Federation is at the forefront of action and advocacy as child welfare reform is implemented in Michigan. Our input and feedback to leadership of the Snyder Administration and the Michigan Department of Human Services has been sought out, respected and acted upon. Highlights of the past year's efforts include:

- ◆ Played a major role in demonstrating the basis for needed refinements in the federal consent decree.
- ◆ Facilitated contract negotiations on behalf of private agencies for adoption, foster care and residential treatment.
- ◆ Provided comprehensive data and cost analyses that support the update of contracted services reimbursement rates for adoption, foster care and residential treatment.
- ◆ Advocated successfully for payment of over \$5 million owed to agencies for services provided as far back as 2002.
- ◆ Advocated for efficiencies in regulation oversight, prompting a major overhaul that will reduce the historic overlap of monitoring by Licensing and Contracts offices and will give consideration to the value inherent in national accreditation of numerous private service provider agencies.
- ◆ Worked with DHS for a smooth transition of over 2,200 foster care cases to private agency supervision.
- ◆ Supported passage of adoption and guardianship legislation in Michigan that will help kids achieve permanency faster.
- ◆ Convened faith-based leaders from across the state for the purpose of creating and developing new avenues for recruitment of foster and adoptive families.
- ◆ Prepared the proposal for Michigan's involvement with in-depth technical assistance around building and maintaining a strong public-private partnership, which was accepted and allowed Michigan to be one of five states nationwide to participate in a two-day strategic planning session for child welfare leaders.
- ◆ Served as a conduit for troubleshooting difficulties that agencies experience with navigating and implementing state policies, training requirements, data reporting and payment systems, etc.



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