

# About the Federation



Advocating on behalf of vulnerable children and families since 1969



The **MICHIGAN FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** is a statewide association of private, nonprofit child and family serving agencies, advocacy and coordinating organizations and individuals devoted to protecting children, building families and strengthening communities. The Federation has advocated for necessary and improved services for children and families since 1969.

The Federation's four **staff members represent 60+ years combined experience** in human services, public and private association management and public policy.

Staff are in **daily contact with legislators and government administrators, seeking and obtaining the "early intelligence"** vital to members' positioning themselves in their communities to best serve Michigan's vulnerable children, families and individuals.

The Federation retains the services of the **multi-client lobby firm Public Affairs Associates** whose expertise in the legislative arena helps assure our message is heard by the appropriate policymakers.

The Federation is an **affiliate member of two national associations**—Child Welfare League of America and Alliance for Children and Families. Both groups keep us informed of federal legislation and national trends.

Most importantly, the Federation has the **capacity to develop positions and influence public policy** impacting the extent and nature of services to vulnerable children and families.

**The mission**  
of the Michigan Federation for Children and Families is 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.

**The vision**  
of the Michigan Federation for Children and Families is to assure Michigan's most vulnerable children, families and individuals have access to and benefit from quality and cost-effective services supported by public and private dollars.

## Core values

provide focus and drive decisions for all Federation involvements. The core values transcend treatment methods and are embraced by all members.

**Advocacy.** We believe advocacy on behalf of Michigan's most vulnerable children, families and individuals in need is a major responsibility of nonprofit human service professionals and volunteers.

**Nonprofit status.** We believe private, nonprofit agencies provide a special value and contribution to society through their unique links with communities, local governing bodies, charitable funding and missions to serve those in need.

**Quality services.** We believe services to children, families and individuals in need should be of the highest quality.

**Strong families.** We believe the future well-being of our society rests on the strengths of its families and individuals.

**Racial diversity.** We believe respect, dignity, understanding and opportunity are due all humankind.

# The private sector plays a vital role in serving human needs in Michigan



## Federation member agencies:

- ◆ Employ 7,000+ FTEs across the state
- ◆ Engage 1,000+ community and business leaders as members of their Boards of Directors
- ◆ Activate hundreds of volunteers, who donate thousands of hours of service to children and families every year

**A**vibrant and viable public and private sector network, working in concert, is in the best interest of Michigan's children and families.

The public sector has a unique role to fill, a role which only government can provide. Interfacing with the federal government to secure all available public resources for this work is something best done by the state agency. It is also recognized that the functions of child protective services, contracting, monitoring of contract performance and quality outcomes, achieving federally-established Child and Family Services Review outcomes, and generation of public resources (including building public awareness) are critical to the success of Michigan's child welfare system.

The independent, community-based and accredited private sector provider network is well-suited to provide the direct service with the majority of children and families, given the sector's ability and flexibility to address individual needs of children and families, bringing additional benefits to the recipients of service, adding value which only the private sector can generate and administer.

Michigan's public and private provider networks strive to provide a full scope of resources and services to best meet the needs of children and families in the most timely manner: *the right service at the right time.*

**The State of Michigan is responsible for the care and supervision of nearly 18,000 children on any given day.**

**As of October 2009**, 43% (7,541) of the 17,665 children in Michigan's child welfare and juvenile justice systems resided in licensed foster homes (5,686) or residential treatment facilities (1,855). They are boys and girls...ages birth to 18...*facing many challenges!*

**Licensed private nonprofit agencies in Michigan are the State's partners in providing the care and supervision for these children. Michigan Department of Human Services statistics demonstrate this partnership:**

As of October 2009:	Abuse/neglect	Delinquent	Combined	Federation member agencies*
<b>Youth in licensed foster homes:</b>				
Total:	5,607 (100%)	79 (100%)	5,686 (100%)	
Public agencies	1,818 (32%)	38 (48%)	1,856 (33%)	
Private agencies	3,789 (68%)	41 (52%)	3,830 (67%)	2,800 (73%)
<b>Youth in residential treatment:</b>				
Total:	1,015 (100%)	840 (100%)	1,855 (100%)	
Public agencies	16 (2%)	117 (14%)	133 (7%)	
Private agencies	999 (98%)	723 (86%)	1,722 (93%)	1,086 (63%)
<b>Total youth in independent living:</b>	1,031 (100%)	35 (100%)	1,066 (100%)	555 (52%)
<b>Adoption finalizations in... FY 2008      FY 2009</b>				
Total:	2,739 (100%)		3,030 (100%)	
Public agency (DHS)	1,243 (45.4%)		881 (29.1%)	
Private agencies	1,496 (54.6%)		2,149 (71.9%)	
				1,373 (63%)

\*These figures represent the approximate portion of the youth served by private agencies that are served by Federation member agencies. Estimates are for youth in care in the summer of 2010, with the exception of the adoption finalizations, which relate to the FY 2009 numbers.

*Decisions made in Lansing directly affect vulnerable children and their futures.*

# Member agencies rally community resources to serve needs



## Federation member agencies:

- ◆ Manage annual operating budgets totalling over \$530 million
- ◆ Generate millions of dollars in private donations every year to help offset operating costs and offer children and families services otherwise unaffordable to them

## Advocacy on behalf of vulnerable children and families is our individual and collective responsibility

### Specific legislative priorities include:

1. **Reimbursement rates.** The Federation will advocate for necessary resources that allow the membership to meet the requirements of the consent decree while meeting the needs of children.
2. **Aggressively pursue unpaid bills and payment delays from the DHS** dating back to 2003 for services provided.
3. **Advocate for adherence to budget boilerplate section 510**, whereby the DHS shall not be required to put up for bids a contract where the service provider is nationally accredited or is the only provider in the service area.
4. **Work with the DHS in determining the business of contracts**, i.e., how contracts are negotiated, bid, awarded and monitored, and how changes in policy affect contracts.
5. **Continue to advocate for changes in the Child Welfare Training Institute (CWTI) procedures** as per budget boilerplate section 585, which permits accredited agencies to conduct their own staff training.
6. **Out-of-state placements.** Continue to work to keep Michigan's children in Michigan as per budget boilerplate section 513, which states that the DHS shall not spend state dollars to pay for state placement of a child in an out-of-state facility unless appropriate services are not available in state. This will include plans to challenge local judges who promote their discretion in sending children out of state.
7. **Assist our legislative leaders and the administration in developing a comprehensive JJ strategy.**
8. **Work with the Michigan Legislature to implement in Michigan the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act.**

### Federation priorities were reflected in the State Budget for FY 2010–2011 as it cleared the House and Senate, including:

- ◆ Providing for a 36% rate increase to adoption rates (outlined in sec. 581) [vetoed by the governor]
- ◆ Maintaining the \$37/day administrative rate for foster care services for private child placing agencies (outlined in sec. 546)
- ◆ Maintaining the \$28/day rate for general independent living services for private child placing agencies (outlined in sec. 546)
- ◆ Providing for an SIL administrative rate no less than the rate paid in FY 08-09
- ◆ Boilerplate language providing for a \$7/day increase in the daily per diem rate for providers of residential services for both juvenile justice and abuse/neglect youth over the rates paid on January 1, 2010 (sec. 726)
- ◆ Maintaining family preservation and reunification program line items

*Affiliate and Individual Members join with Agency Members in advocacy efforts*



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# Federation members serve thousands of children and families each year through...

## Agency Members

Service provider agency name	Main office location City	County
<b>North</b>		
Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan	Alpena	Alpena
Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michigan	Traverse City	Grand Traverse
Child & Family Services of the Upper Peninsula	Marquette	Marquette
Eagle Village	Hersey	Osceola
Good Will Farm	Houghton	Houghton
Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan	Marquette	Marquette
<b>West</b>		
Bethany Christian Services	Grand Rapids	Kent
D.A. Blodgett–St.John’s	Grand Rapids	Kent
Catholic Charities West Michigan	Grand Rapids	Kent
Family Outreach Center	Grand Rapids	Kent
Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services	Grand Rapids	Kent
Wedgwood Christian Services	Grand Rapids	Kent
<b>Central</b>		
Adoption Option, Inc.	Midland	Midland
Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties	Flint	Genesee
Child & Family Services, Capital Area	Lansing	Ingham
Highfields, Inc.	Onondaga	Ingham
Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan	Bay City	Bay
St. Vincent Catholic Charities	Lansing	Ingham
Whaley Children’s Center	Flint	Genesee
<b>South</b>		
Family Counseling & Children’s Services of Lenawee Co.	Adrian	Lenawee
Family Service & Children’s Aid	Jackson	Jackson
Holy Cross Children’s Services	Clinton	Lenawee
The Manor	Jonesville	Hillsdale
Starr Commonwealth	Albion	Calhoun
<b>Southeast</b>		
Catholic Social Services of Oakland County	Pontiac	Oakland
Childhelp	Rochester Hills	Oakland
Children’s Center of Wayne County	Detroit	Wayne
Christ Child House	Detroit	Wayne
Federation of Youth Services	Detroit	Wayne
Forever Families	Novi	Wayne
Girlstown Foundation	Belleville	Wayne
Homes for Black Children	Detroit	Wayne
Judson Center	Royal Oak	Oakland
LDS Social Services–Michigan Detroit Agency	Farmington Hills	Oakland
Lutheran Social Services of Michigan	Detroit	Wayne
Matrix Human Services	Detroit	Wayne
Promise Village: Home for Children	Holly	Oakland
St. Louis Center	Chelsea	Washtenaw
Spaulding for Children	Southfield	Oakland
Vista Maria	Dearborn Heights	Wayne

## Affiliate Members

- Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Michigan
- Michigan Association for Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Parents
- Michigan Home-Based Family Services Association
- Michigan State University School of Social Work

### Adoption

- Voluntary release and direct consent
- Special needs
- Interstate and international
- Pregnancy services
- Court-appointed intermediary on site
- Post-adoption services
- Post-legal adoption services
- Pre-placement assessments

### Adventure-based program

- Agency clients only
- Available to business community

### Community-based services

- Community center
- Families First
- In-home family treatment
- Supervised independent living/transitional living program
- Reintegration services for delinquents
- Wraparound services

### Corrections program—adults

- Counseling for ex-felons and families
- Reintegration services for ex-felons
- Residential services for ex-felons

### Day care for children

### Day treatment

### Education

- Assessment and placement
- Classes to supplement public education
- On-grounds school
- Scholarship program

### Emergency shelters

- Domestic violence shelter
- Emergency shelter
- Runaway/homeless shelter

### Employee assistance program

### Employment program

- Job training and placement

### Family services

- Community outreach
- Counseling—family, individual, group
- Domestic violence/sexual assault program
- Eating disorder program
- Family/community life skills/education
- Family assessment and referral services
- Homemaker service
- Parenting skills training
- Teen parent program

### Foster care

- Medical
- Independent living
- Teen mother/baby

### Refugee resettlement service

### Residential treatment

- Maternity residence
- Group homes for developmentally disabled children and adults
- Group homes and non-secure residential facility for abused/neglected youth
- Residential facility for delinquent youth—non-secure, medium secure, high secure

### Respite care

- Emergency respite
- Planned respite

### Senior services

- Senior aides/companions
- Senior in-home care
- Foster grandparent
- Housing assistance
- Senior day care
- Senior respite care
- Nursing home

### Substance abuse services

- Adolescent services
- Assessment and referral
- Prevention services
- Ambulatory detox
- Outpatient
- Residential

### Volunteer programs

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Fund raising activities
- Special events
- Clerical
- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Gift giving



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