



## ORCHARDS CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Orchards Children's Services helps families in Southeastern Michigan come together, stay together and grow together. With the help of hundreds of foster, adoptive parents, dedicated staff and volunteers, we create lasting positive memories for children and youth – opportunities to achieve, to overcome and to succeed. These memories build a foundation on which children can redefine themselves, build self-esteem and begin to recognize their full potential.

Together we can make a difference – for ourselves, for our communities and for the future of our young people.

If you would like more information on becoming a foster or adoptive parent contact us at 877-529-5532. Please ask for the training and recruitment department or you can visit us online and complete an online inquiry at [www.orchards.org](http://www.orchards.org).



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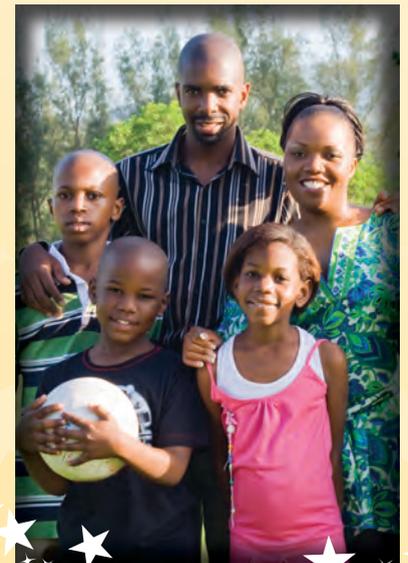
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## FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENTING



STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH  
QUALITY SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



Safety Love  
Compassion  
Dignity Comfort  
Understanding

Connection



## A CHILD IS WAITING...

We don't like to think about it, but the fact is that too many children – right here in the communities we live in – are victims of neglect, abandonment and abuse. Families fall apart, the pressures of daily living become insurmountable and children suffer. It's our responsibility – together as a society – to keep children safe. Foster and adoptive homes are the safety net – the bridge – the ladder that kids need to thrive, to build healthy relationships, and to rise above the circumstances that, through no fault of their own, they find themselves in.

Being a foster or adoptive parent is one of life's most challenging, but undeniably most rewarding undertakings. When you hear your calling, make the call.

877.529.5532  
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## FAQ's

**Q:** Can you tell me more about children who need foster and adoptive homes?

**A:** Children awaiting temporary foster home placements typically range between 0-17 years old. Children awaiting permanent adoptive home placements typically range between 10-17 years old. Separation from their parents often means they require special attention for their physical or emotional needs. Like all children they need loving, stable homes, and they want a family that provides safety, compassion and understanding. These innocent children long for positive change from their previously traumatic, painful and unpredictable life.

**Q:** Are there special requirements for fostering or adopting?

**A:**

### What It Takes To Be A Foster/Adoptive Parent

Must be 18 years of age

Must have sufficient income

Must provide references verifying suitability

Must be of good moral character

Must participate in Orchards' Licensing/Adoption Process

**Q:** How does Orchards help prepare and support foster and adoptive families?

**A:** We offer the following services on an ongoing basis:

- Free Training & Education
- Advocacy and Case Planning Assistance
- Clinical Services
- Support Groups & Agency Events

## FINANCIAL HELP IS AVAILABLE

Orchards issues support payments every two weeks to all qualified licensed foster parents. These funds are not considered income for tax purposes. Children's qualifying medical expenses are covered by Medicaid, and each child in foster care receives a Medicaid Card. Additionally, foster families typically receive special funding for clothing and holiday purchases.

Adoptive parents may receive financial assistance\* through the State of Michigan, and as with foster parents the funds are not considered income. In some cases, adopted children are also eligible for continued Medicaid after their adoption.\*

\* Eligibility is determined by the State of Michigan on a case-by-case basis.



*"Our job is to provide assistance for everyone in our community. Every parent, every child, and every family in the community can count on us for support."*

Carmine  
Orchards Team Member