

History of the Agency

Child & Family Services of NE MI is a private, nonprofit, child placing agency licensed by the State of Michigan since 1990 to provide adoption & foster care services. CFSNEMI first opened its doors in 1958 as a field office of Child & Family Services of Michigan, Inc., in response to needs expressed by our local communities. Tracing its roots over 100 years Child and Family Services of Michigan Inc. had its earliest beginning in 1883 in Illinois and today is a key administrative resource for its local community field offices. It is currently the only private, statewide, child and family service agency in the nation and is the repository for one of the countries largest collections of adoption records for it's clients served.

NEMI Adoptions Program

We are fully committed to helping children find security in families through adoption. Our primary focus is to find families for children who need them. We also recognize that adoption is a valid way for people to expand their families.

Office Locations

We offer two convenient locations to better serve you which are located in Alpena and West Branch, MI.

What Are The Costs Associated With

An Adoption?

There are **no fees** for adopting a child who is committed to the Michigan Children's Institute.

*** Fees do apply to newborn infants released directly to the agency by the biological parent (s) ***

Types of Children Available

- Children with physical, emotional or mental impairments.
- Children of any age, ethnicity, and gender
- Sibling groups of two or more children
- Children outside the State of Michigan

Child & Family Provides A Range of

Adoption Services

- Orientation - An overview of our adoption program
- Parent Resource Information Development & Education (PRIDE) training-12 hours @ no cost
- Preliminary Adoptive Family Assessment
- Initial Family Adoption Evaluation
- Placement Services-Matching children
- Supervision of adoptive placement
- Referrals to community resources

Experienced Staff

Our adoption specialists are highly trained in the field of adoption and legal proceedings. Each specialist is required to attend the State of Michigan Department of Human Services Child Welfare Institute Adoption training program. This 270-hour training provides a detailed curriculum covering many subject matters in adoption such as transitioning families, subsidy, judicial legal proceedings and much more. In addition each year, all specialists receive 40-hours of in-service training.

Each adoption specialist possesses a Bachelor degree or higher from an institution for higher learning. Also, all staff are provided with a wide array of educational advancement in various subject matters such as foster care, child neglect & abuse, adolescent trauma, substance abuse, etc.

What Is The Process Should I Desire To

Adopt?

There are many steps in the adoption process but the most important is deciding if adoption is right for you. Should you feel that it is, simply contact the nearest office to your home and a preliminary informational packet will be sent to you. Once you return the required information, an adoption specialist will contact you to arrange for an orientation.

What Is An Initial Family Adoptive

Evaluation?

- An Initial Adoption Evaluation is commonly referred to as a family adoption assessment; a detailed written report of a family that covers many areas:
- ◆ A family's motivation to adopt
 - ◆ Emotional stability and compatibility of the adoptive parent or parents
 - ◆ Adjustment of biological children
 - ◆ Community
 - ◆ Parenting ability
 - ◆ Type of children desired
 - ◆ Recommendations as to the age, gender, and characteristics of the child (ren) as suited to the family
 - ◆ Federal, State, & Local criminal clearances
 - ◆ Personal & professional references
 - ◆ And much, much more!

What Are My Rights As A

Prospective Adoptive Parent?

You have the right:

- ◆ To a free adoption overview & orientation
- ◆ To have a Preliminary Adoptive Family Assessment and, if approved, undergo an Initial Adoption Evaluation Study
- ◆ To a written explanation if your family assessment is found unsuitable
- ◆ Once a child (ren) is matched & throughout the adoption process, written **non-identifying** information about the adoptee, the adoptee's health history, and the adoptee's family background



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What Resources Are Available To Find Out What Adoptive Children Are Available?

- ◆ A CFS Adoption Specialist
- ◆ Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange - www.mare.org
- ◆ AdoptUsKids - www.adoptuskids.org

How Long Will It Take To Finalize My Adoption?

Once the court receives a petition to adopt a child, a supervisory period of up to six months or more may be required to ensure the stability of the placement. In the event that a supervisory period is required and upon completion, your adoption specialist will request that the court finalize your adoption.

Subsidies

Families who adopt a Michigan child may be eligible to receive financial support for that child until the age of 18.

Eligibility

Families will not be discriminated against based on gender, race, (*)age, marital status, handicap, or religious practice.

(*) Age: Must be age eighteen or older.

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Alpena office: 989-356-4048
Toll free: 800-779-0396

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West Branch office: 989-345-3466
989-343 0570

Toll Free: 866-939-5438

3217 W. M-55, West Branch, MI

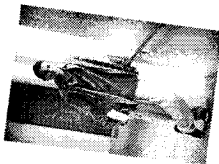
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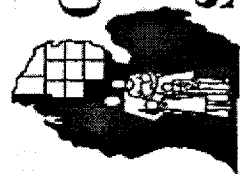
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Presque Isle, and Roscommon
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