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POST ADOPTION RESOURCE CENTERS

(PARC)



STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH
QUALITY SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES





WHAT ARE POST ADOPT RESOURCE CENTERS (PARC)?

Post Adopt Resource Centers are here to support you through the life-long rewarding journey of adoption. PARC is contracted to provide community-based services for the State of Michigan Department of Health Human Services to adoptive families residing in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties.

Eligible families:

- Children/youth twenty-one years of age and younger, who were adopted from Michigan's foster care system
- Children/youth who were placed in guardianship through Michigan's foster care system that are eligible for guardianship assistance through the DHHS adoption subsidy office
- Youth who were adopted in Michigan through an international adoption or direct consent/placement adoption
- Require supportive services such as case management, education, training, coordination, and advocacy to ensure their ongoing stability as a family unit.
- Must have the child/youth's adoption finalized.

All children who meet these criteria, **regardless of the agency that provided the initial adoption** services are eligible and will be provided services.

WHAT SERVICES DOES PARC PROVIDE?

Case Management – PARC staff will:

- Ensure initial contact within 24 hours of a referral to schedule a visit, which will be held when and where is most convenient for you.
- Work with you to identify the strengths and needs of your family to develop an initial family-centered plan.
- Will provide a description of the range of available PARC services and other services available in your community.
- Provide flexible monies and linkage to community resources to assist in implementing an intervention designed to address a specific need of your family.

Coordination of Community Services – PARC's professional staff will:

- Act as a liaison for your family with other service providers.
- Work on a one-to-one basis to refer families to local and regional resources such as therapists, Special Educational services, Medicaid, Medical Subsidy, Children's Special Health Care Services, Supplemental Social Security, and Community Mental Health Services.
- Provide a resource guide of service providers in your region.

Adoptive Family Support – PARC:

- Monthly group experiences for adoptive families such as a monthly support group and recreational activities for the entire family.
- Quarterly trainings on topics of interest to adoptive families.

Information Dissemination – PARC will:

- Provide telephone access for families 24/7, 365 days a year.
- Respond to all families' request for information within 24 hours.
- Provide assistance in connecting families to appropriate community resources.

Communication, Technology and Information Sharing – With PARC, you can:

- Have access to their website (<http://parc-orchards.org>) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Email questions and concerns to a designated person, and find important information about the resource center.
- Access information about adoption and other topics relevant to adoptive families, including a list of community agencies located within your region.
- View up-to-date calendars with all relevant dates, times, and locations for adoptive parent events and trainings throughout the region.
- Have access to PARC's web-based or mailed family newsletter for adoptive families.
- Access to PARC's Lending Library of Adoption Resources.