

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption Local, Foster to Adopt, Older Child & International Foster Care (Coming Soon for Livingston County) PRIDE Training 	Serves Oakland, Wayne and Macomb Counties Contact: 30685 Barrington St. Suite 140 Madison Heights, MI 48071 Phone: 248-414-4080
ORCHARDS SERVICES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster Care (Coming Soon for Livingston County) Independent Living Provider PRIDE Training (Online) 	Serves Washtenaw, Genesee, Oakland, Livingston and Wayne Counties Contact: Main Office: 30215 Southfield Road Southfield, MI 48076 Phone: 248-258-0440
JUDSON CENTER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption Foster Care 	Serves Washtenaw and Livingston Counties Contact: 4410 W. Thirteen Mile Rd. Royal Oak, MI 48073 Phone: Sandra Ohl 313-255-8203
LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption Foster Care Pride Training (Through FAKS) 	Serves Livingston County Contact: 2300 E. Grand River Ave. Howell, Michigan 48843 For Packet call 517-548-0233
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption Foster Care Refugee Foster Care (Supervised) Independent Living Provider Mentor Programs 	Serves Oakland and Livingston Counties Contact: 8131 E. Jefferson Detroit, MI 48214 Phone: 313-823-7700

GRANTS FOR OVERSEAS ADOPTIONS:

Show Hope Adoption Grants and Aide: <http://www.showhope.org>

Questions or More Information Please Contact:

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project: HIS kids MISSION STATEMENT

We will assist families with acquiring the information and resources necessary to bring children into their loving homes and equip any individual with ways in which they can serve the parentless.

Our ultimate goal is to help children transition through childhood while they gain skills needed for adulthood and to help them understand what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Christ while giving them the support of a Christ centered family.

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JAMES 1:27

ARE YOU CALLED TO CARE?

James 1:27 *Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for orphans and widows in their troubles, and refuse to let the world corrupt us.*

FACTS:

- 8.2 is the average age of a child in foster care waiting to be adopted.
- 1/3 of children waiting to be adopted have been waiting an average of 5 years.
- 500 foster teens in Michigan will age out of the system this year. They will be forced to live on their own with no real life skills and no family to help them.
- You can state specifics about children that would be a good match for your family.
- Kids in care want STABILITY, families who will LOVE them unconditionally, and people to give them a CHANCE. They WANT to succeed.

HOW DO CHILDREN BECOME ORPHANS?*

- Children who have had a normal, stable life until both parents died
- Drug / alcohol addicted parents where no care was given
- Physical or sexual abuse
- Neglect and/or Medical neglect
- Loss of income means families can no longer provide for their children.
- The father-less, abandoned, or not claimed
- Incarcerated parents
- Parent(s) kicked the child out
- Runaways

**These are only a few examples of how children become orphans.*

How Can I Serve?

THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS TO REACH OUT TO CHILDREN IN NEED.

SERVE	WHAT IS IT? / HOW DOES IT WORK?	WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?
<p>✦ Adoption Bring a child who needs a family into your home and make them a permanent part of your lives by becoming a forever family.</p>	<p>Contact Agency → Attend Orientation → Go through PRIDE Training → Participate in a Home Study → Reference Check → Take a Physical → Get Lansing Approval → Placement</p>	<p>Bethany Christian Services Livingston County Department of Human Services (DHS) Judson Center Lutheran Social Services</p>
<p>✦ Foster Care Be a temporary caregiver to a child who needs a stable living environment until they can be reunited with their families.</p>	<p>Contact Agency → Attend Orientation → Go through PRIDE Training → Participate in a Home Study → Reference Check → Take a Physical → Get Lansing Approval → Placement</p>	<p>Bethany Christian Services Orchards Services Lutheran Social Services Judson Center Livingston County DHS</p>
<p>✦ Mentor Be an example and a cheerleader for a child living in a group or foster home. You can take them for ice cream, music lessons, play ball, and/or bring them into your home for the holidays.</p>	<p>Contact Agency → Go through Training → Get Screened → Get Matched with a Child</p>	<p>Contact project: HIS kids for more information on Mentoring agencies. Project.hiskids@gmail.com or Kelly at 248-705-9290</p>
<p>✦ Independent Living Provider Provide a room for a teen aging out of the system and teach them basic life skills to help them transition into adulthood.</p>	<p>Youths 16-21 from a local agency with the potential for a bright future will reside in a room in your home. Program mirrors a room and board renter. A monthly rent will be paid for the room by the state. You are not legally responsible for the youth; however you can provide life skills assistance. Level of commitment, at your discretion.</p>	<p>Orchards Services Lutheran Social Services</p>
<p>✦ Respite Become an emergency caregiver for a foster or adoptive family.</p>	<p>Attend PRIDE Training.</p>	<p>Bethany Christian Services Orchards Services Judson Center Livingston County DHS</p>
<p>✦ Provider Provide a child or a family with basic emergency necessities like pajamas and diapers.</p>	<p>Donate items for emergency care kits. Make monetary Donations for school uniforms so children overseas will have the opportunity to go to school because a uniform is a requirement for school attendance.</p>	<p>ifosterhope.com Harvest International Commonthreadz.com</p>
<p>✦ Teach a Youth in Transition (YIT) Share your talents with an older teen who needs those skills or tutoring.</p>	<p>Teach budget planning, check book balancing, simple hygiene, and/or basic cooking. These talents are needed to equip teens for their future.</p>	<p>Orchards Services Judson Center Youths in Transition (YIT) - Livingston County DHS</p>

Please see the back cover for contact information.

join A LIFE GROUP DEDICATED TO
FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES
AND SUPPORT GOD'S MISSION.

support FAMILIES IN
YOUR LIFE GROUP WHO ARE
CONSIDERING BECOMING FOSTER
OR ADOPTIVE PARENTS.

encourage THESE KIDS AND
THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH THEIR
TRANSITIONS.

pray THAT EVERY CHILD FINDS
A LOVING HOME AND THAT
FAMILIES COME FORWARD
TO LOVE THESE KIDS.

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ADOPTING/FOSTERING FAQ (THE HARD QUESTIONS)

Can single people adopt or foster children?

YES, some children prefer only one adult in the home.

Is it okay that I don't own my home?

You can have a house, apartment or a mobile home. Being a homeowner is not a requirement.

What about college?

Children in foster care at age 14 are eligible by the state of Michigan to receive grants to go to college.

Do I have to quit my job?

No, childcare stipends are available for appropriate ages so that you may continue to work.

How can I afford another child?

The state of Michigan provides a daily stipend for foster children and in certain cases for adopted children over the age of three.

What are the costs to adopt?

Older child adoption costs \$150-200 however there is also a tax break for families that adopt. In addition, there are also several agencies that will help with international adoption costs and grants.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR ADOPTING/FOSTERING?

1. **Contact Agency**
2. **Receive Packet** (Call to Setup Orientation)
3. **Attend Orientation**
4. **Attend PRIDE Training** (Either 9 weeks of three hour training one night a week or two days of eight hour training on weekends)
5. **Home Study**
6. **Health Department Check for Well and Septic**
7. **Reference Check** (3)
8. **Application and Home Study Documents**
9. **Physical**
10. **Finger Printing**
11. **Pet Vet Records**
12. **Wait for Lansing Approval** (Can take up to 4-8 weeks for processing.
The agency will match you to a child based on your specific qualifiers, such as age range, gender, race, needs, disabilities, and/or emotional severity.)