

NON-PROFIT AGENCIES

STATE-RUN AGENCIES

**CONTINUUM OF CARE** 



It is more critical than ever to ensure funding fairness across our state's child welfare system. Nonprofit, accredited child welfare agencies provide a full continuum of services.

Each of our members are 501(c)(3) organizations and are accredited by the National Council on Accreditation or Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. As such, we are subject to independent audits and reviews to ensure the highest standards for safety, transparency and fiscal responsibility. It also means our members are leading experts in the areas of child and family welfare services and best practices.

Research has shown investing in Michigan's non-profit, accredited child welfare agencies on the front end will pay dividends for Michigan's children, families and taxpayers. We ask lawmakers to explore fairness in funding to help level the playing field by equipping us with the resources to provide services to children and families amid many challenges. Our agencies stand ready to be a resource for you as you consider funding fairness and other child and family welfare issues.

## Today, we ask you to consider:

- Funding family preservation contracts 15% more over current rates so non-profit agencies can hire qualified individuals
- Increasing the pay rate by 18 % for foster parents to help mitigate the shortage of foster parents
- Increasing adoption rates by 20% for providers
- Adequate funding for residential treatment facilities so children can get the care they need in a safe environment, including:
  - \$30 million provider stability payments to retain residential network
  - o Increase in per diem rates to staff up and create capacity with licensed providers
  - o Review and replace licensing policies for residential programs
  - Develop a model to establish actual cost contracts by April 1, 2023