Child Welfare Continuum of Care

Connecting children and families with the necessary supports and services that promote safety and well-being.



1 IN 5

Foster youth will become homeless after age 18



1 IN 4

Foster youth will be pregnant by age 21 400,000

Number of children in foster care in the United States right now. In Michigan, approximately 10,000 children are in foster care because of abuse/neglect, substance use, mental health issues, or domestic violence.



Children's Protective Services program investigates allegations of child abuse and neglect; reporting an estimated 156,000 concerns annually. Family Preservation



A continuum of services guide parents toward creating a satisfying, nurturing home life for the entire family, to keep children in their natural setting with their biological parents.



Service provided to children who have been removed from home because of neglect or abuse. Foster and Kinship families provide 24-hour care to children and help biological parents work towards reunification.



Highly trained resource families caring for youth with behavioral health needs. Other services include Residential Treatment, which offers intensive, longer-term clinical treatment in a home-like environment.



When children are unable to return home, the court terminates parental rights, and the child becomes available for adoption. Youth unable to find an adoptive family by age 18 engage in independent living services or age out of the system.