



2015-16 ORIENTATION REGISTRATION FORM

How to Become an Adoptive Family:

Step 1: Contact Spaulding for Children

- Contact us and we will mail to you a Spaulding for Children Welcome Packet containing:
 - Spaulding's history;
 - Foster care & adoption informational pamphlets;
 - Information regarding the types of services Spaulding provides;
 - 10 Good Reasons Why You Should Become a Spaulding for Children Parent;
 - The Steps to Become a Foster/Adoptive Resource Family;
 - Orientation Registration Form

Step 2: Attend Orientation

- Register and complete Orientation
NOTE: All adults living in the home, i.e. husband & wife, partners, roommates etc., must attend Orientation & all trainings

Step 3: Attend Pre-Service Training

- Attend Foster Parent Pre-service Placement Training. Learn directly from experienced foster parents the skills & techniques needed to parent children who have been abused, neglected and traumatized.
- **Attend P.R.I.D.E.**
Enroll in Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education (P.R.I.D.E.) Training at **NO COST**.

Step 4: Home Assessment Process

- The Home Assessment Process will be initiated at **NO COST** after completion of the P.R.I.D.E. Training Series.
- Your adoption worker will schedule a home visit with you to begin the Home Assessment Process.
- You will be provided a *Checklist for Adoption Home Licensing* form. This form lists the documentation you must provide to your adoption specialist.
- Once **all** of the requested documentation has been provided to your specialist and your Home Assessment is complete, your entire file is presented to the Adoption Supervisor for approval.

Step 5: Adoptive Home Approval

- Upon successful completion of trainings and the assessment process, your study along with a recommendation for approval as an adoptive family will be made to the Adoption Supervisor.

Step 6: Child Search for Adoption

- There are many children placed in the child welfare system that are available for adoption, older children, children of color, brothers and sisters that need placement as a group, and children with disabilities.
- Maintain on-going contact with Spaulding's Adoption Specialist.
- View the following websites profiling waiting children:
<http://www.adoptuskids.org>
<http://www.mare.org>
<http://www.spaulding.org>
- Visit **Heart Gallery exhibits** (<http://www.mare.org/Resources/MichiganHeartGallery.aspx>) – traveling portrait exhibits of waiting children.
- Venture into **your community** – attend recruitment events at churches, malls, parks, libraries, etc.
- If you identify a child(ren) that appears to be a match for your family, contact your Adoption Specialist to obtain additional information. If the Agency identifies a potential match for your family, you will be





contacted by your Adoption Specialist to schedule a case conference so that you can learn more about the child(ren).

Step 7: Visitation Process

- If you choose to proceed with the matched child(ren), a visitation period begins between you and your matched child(ren).
- If visitation goes well, at an agreed upon time, Spaulding for Children will petition the court to legally place the child in your home.

Step 8: Placement

- During the first 6 months of placement, your case will be under the supervision of the court and your adoption worker will visit at least monthly to provide support and assist with any issues.
- After 6 months of successful placement, the court can issue a final order of adoption, finalizing the adoption and making the child legally yours.

Step 9: Post Placement

- Spaulding staff is always available to provide permanency support to families we have served.

Additional Assistance Resources

Wayne County <http://www.parcwayne-orchards.org/>

Macomb County <http://www.parc-judson.org/ResourceList/Macomb>

Oakland County <http://www.parcoakland-orchards.org/>

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Yes, I would like to register for the following Pre-Service Orientation:

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Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email: _____

Telephone(s) w/Area Code _____ Cell _____ (Orientation Completed ___ Y ___ N)

(Please check appropriate box & return completed form to Stacey Oakes)

