

A CHILD IS WAITING...

We all win when a child is given hope, when families are stable, and when communities grow strong from our working together to improve the lives of children, youth and families.

The volunteers, donors, foster families and adoptive parents of Orchards Children's Services are local residents of Southeast Michigan who commit their time to foster positive change for our communities.

We invite you to be a part of that change. Call us today.



HISTORY

Orchards Children's Services is a private, non-profit, non-sectarian child welfare agency licensed by the state of Michigan and nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Children and Families (COA). As the Southeast Michigan Region's premiere foster care, child welfare and adoption agency Orchards is dedicated to providing high-quality professional services to children, youth and families in Michigan.

Our Mission is to strengthen the community through quality services to children and families.

For nearly half a century, Orchards has continually helped improve the quality of life for abused, neglected and troubled children. Founded in 1962 by the National Council of Jewish Women-Greater Detroit Section, Orchards started as a small residential group home for Jewish boys with emotional impairments. Over the years, the agency expanded its services to include foster care, adoption, family preservation and specialized programs. These specialized programs include family training, therapy and support, birth family parent education and therapy, clinical services, in-home services and community outreach programs.

Orchards Children's Services has served thousands of children throughout the years. With your support, hundreds of Southeast Michigan families have been assisted by OCS services. For more information on how you can help a child or a family in need, please contact us.



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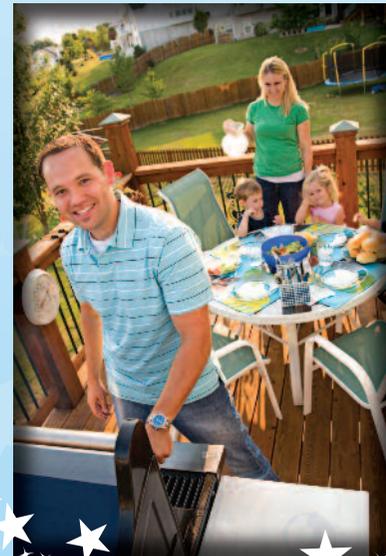
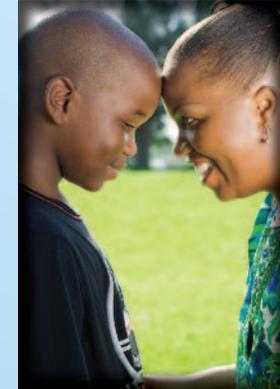
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Serving children, youth and families since 1962.
Fostering powerful responses to children in need by bringing families together.

FOSTER CARE

Increasing the capacity for children and families to strengthen and grow.

The safety and welfare of each child residing in Southeast Michigan is our primary consideration. Our goal is to provide a sanctuary for children as their families work to solve a wide range of problems. Orchards Children's Services can assist with long-term, community-based foster care options for those children. Foster parents are selected based on a stringent screening process and foster homes are closely monitored. Continued compliance with all state and federal laws and our own strict standards is assured by Orchard's policies and procedures which require regular follow-up with each foster family.

AFTERCARE

Following foster care – Increasing the capacity of families to stay together.

Also known as "In-Home Services," Aftercare is a follow-up service for families reunited after foster care intervention. The Aftercare program is a temporary service designed to support newly rejoined families until such time as their case is dismissed by the juvenile court. The Aftercare program is designed to support our fundamental principle of safeguarding children and supporting families.

ADOPTION

Building families and strengthening communities.

Children who have been orphaned, abandoned, permanently removed from their homes and/or placed in foster care eagerly await the stability of a supportive, nurturing family and normal home life. Orchards has almost a half a century of experience and expertise recruiting and matching loving parents with displaced children and youth from all walks of life. Orchards specializes in the placement of special needs children through the State Ward Adoption Program.

Orchards Children's Services facilitates more than 140 adoptions a year. Typically, adoptions are accomplished in five to nine months. The Orchards team provides free training, education and support programs designed to help adoptive families adapt to life with their new families.

Adoptive parents are very special people, single or married persons are considered as prospective parents. As with all programming offered by Orchards Children's Services, standards are closely adhered to. Adoptive parents must be at least 21 years old, have sufficient income and housing and additionally they are required to satisfactorily demonstrate proof of strong character and good moral standing.

FAMILY PRESERVATION

The goal of Orchards' Family Preservation programming is to address domestic issues that impact parents and children.

Families First

The Families First program provides services to high-risk families to prevent their children from being placed in foster care.

Families Together Building Solutions

This program is designed to positively impact the behavior of parents and prevent domestic problems that can result in the removal of children from the home. A therapeutic process, this program is made available to families in need and is provided in the home.

Wraparound Services

These flexible, creative services for troubled youth are designed to keep at risk children and youth under the care of their parents and to prevent them from psychiatric hospitalization or placement in a juvenile detention facility. Wraparound services include but are not limited to coordination of education, counseling, medical and mental health programs.

Other Family Preservation Programs Include...

- Family Group Decision Making
- Family Reintegration
- Juvenile Justice Reintegration
- Probate Guardianship

GERALD LEVIN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

These innovative programs are designed to improve the social and emotional health of our children and youth.



Orchards Youth Inner-City Baseball League (OYICBL)

Since 1993, Orchards Youth Inner-City Baseball League has provided a

safe, recreational outlet for urban community youth. The league serves more than 500 boys and girls, ages four to fifteen. OYICBL is Orchards' premier community recreational program.

Arts and Learning

Orchards' Arts and Learning program introduces children to the world of art and culture and helps them to discover their hidden talents. This program increases self-esteem and enhances cultural awareness.

Career Connections

Career Connections is a partnership with the City of Detroit Workforce Development Department, a Michigan Works! Agency. Providing educational planning and application assistance, and employment training at a soft-skills and technical level, the program operates on a Prepare – Promote – Propel philosophy, giving participants the tools they need to be ready for school or work, placing them in the educational and work environments, and supporting their efforts toward achievement.

Other Community Programs Include...

- Learn-2-Learn
- Orchards Summer Adventures
- Adopt-A-Family