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Michigan Family Resource Center Network

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The Michigan Family Resource Center Network is an emerging Network funded, and coordinated by the Children Trust Michigan. The members are nonprofit agencies across the state that provide a wide array of services designed to protect children and to strengthen families, utilizing the Protective Factors and Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support.

At a Glance

• Year founded: 2021

• Year joined NFSN: 2021

• Network type: Public Funder-Coordinated

• Network staff: 1.5 FTE

Network Functions

- Connecting Members
- Training/technical assistance
- Working on systems change/policy/advocacy
- Securing/raising funds that are distributed to Members
- Marketing/public awareness activities
- Shared data management system

Highlights

- In January 2024, a senior leadership team from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) visited an FRC, which resulted in press coverage and generated increased interest.
- The Network continues to co-design common expectations for what FRC Parent Advisory Committees should look like.
- The Network has been focusing on the engagement of father figures in FRC services and Parent Advisory Committees.
- One FRC is a mobile unit and serves two counties.
- One FRC is piloting a project in collaboration with MDHHS with Screen Out Prevention. This work aims to enhance strategies for providing support for families who have been reported to Centralized Intake, but do not have substantiated cases.



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Network Mission Statement:

To deliver community-led, family-centered support and services that partner with caregivers to respond to each family's individual needs and values.

Members

- FRCs in state statute since: 2000
- Number of Members: 11 Community-Based FRCs
- Families served: 25,239
- Funding: \$1,155,000
- Funding sources:
 - Federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)
 - Private foundations

Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Concrete Support
- Family Development Services
- Child Development Activities
- Parent Leadership Development
- Education Activities
- Community Strengthening Activities





Outcome

Between June 2023 to December 2023, the Michigan Family Resource Centers increased the number of families served by 8,007 and increased the number of children served by 6,638.

