



FOREVER FAMILIES INSIDER

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APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Did you know, that because of Michigan's Child Protection Law, mandated reporters are people who are required to report any suspected child abuse or neglect to the Children's Protective Services?

Examples of mandated reporters are social workers, teachers, therapists, and doctors. These are professionals who work with children frequently and are trained to notice signs of abuse and neglect.

Mandated reporters exist to protect vulnerable populations by preventing further harm and ensuring safety. But any concerned person can call Centralized Intake if they suspect child abuse or neglect.



In 1963, doctors in Michigan became mandated reporters. Before this, child abuse was often misdiagnosed with the belief it was not a common issue and should be a private family matter. In 1962, medical community in the US began to diagnose child abuse and require medical and legal intervention.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE OF THE MONTH: FOR GOODNESS CAKES



For Goodness Cakes makes free cakes and cupcakes for our kids in foster care for birthdays and graduations! If a child in your home has a birthday or graduation coming up, make sure you remind your foster care worker to put a referral in for a celebration treat!

CATCH US HERE:

Plymouth Canton Mental Health Fair

- April 25, 2026 from 10am-2pm
- Kellog Park in downtown Plymouth

LOOK AT WHAT WE DID IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH!



- **1 Reunification**
- **3 State Ward Adoptions were finalized**
- **2 Domestic Adoptions were finalized**
- **1 Licensed Foster home opened**

MISSION IN MOTION ✨

Please join us for a special evening to celebrate community workers. There will be a cocktail hour, dinner, auction items, and former foster youth speaking on their experience in foster care and the impact of caring adults. We will also be presenting the Community Impact Award. This is a wonderful way to connect with others who are passionate about child welfare and support the mission work of Forever Families.

Date: Thursday May 14

Time: 5:30pm-8:00pm

Location: One Under Banquet Center, Livonia

Price: \$75 a ticket (please RSVP by 05/01/2026)

To learn more and RSVP visit the link below:

<https://www.forever-families.org/mission-in-motion/>

*Donations are welcome if you are unable to attend. A part of the proceeds will go towards postpartum items for birth mothers in our domestic program.

FAMILY PHOTO DAY

Please join us for **free** professional family photos! This is open to all foster and adoptive families as well as birth parents and their children currently in care.

We want to celebrate our caregivers and capture meaningful moments forever. Families who participate will receive a minimum of 5 edited photos delivered by email.

Date: Saturday May 16, 2026

Time: 10am-12pm

Location: Rotary Park in Livonia

Reserve a time slot using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AB2DA4F8C43-62877561-family>

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Congratulations ✨

Olivia Herczak

Our Employee of the Month!

Olivia is a foster care supervisor who shows immense leadership skills and compliance. She supports her staff by attending meetings and home visits and putting in long hours, including working on weekends. Your efforts don't go unnoticed! Thank you for all that you do for our agency and kids!

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