We were given your name and contact information from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services as you are currently providing care to a member of your family.

Foster Care Navigators provide support before, during and after the process of becoming a licensed foster parent. All of our Navigators have experience as a foster parent, including our Relative Specialist and we are eager to work with you throughout the licensing process. Navigators can provide support, information and referrals, in order to assure that you have the resources to make your licensing and fostering experience successful.

We have included a variety of information in this packet to help you learn more about Foster Care and the licensing process.

- Foster Care Navigator – Relative Specialist Brochure
- Relative Caregiver Resources and Responsibilities
- Frequently Asked Questions and Tips
- Relative Caregiving: What you need to know
- Home Visit Checklist

One of the largest barriers to fostering children and youth is the difficulty prospective relatives’ face in moving from their initial contact with a Social Worker to actually becoming a licensed foster parent. The Foster Care Navigator program greatly increases the likelihood that the licensing process is successful.

Please let us know how we can help you by calling 855.MICHKIDS (855.642.4543)

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