

Annual Report to the Membership

September 2017

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*Advocating for vulnerable
children and families since 1969*

The Federation achieves results through partnership, advocacy & support



The Michigan Federation for Children and Families works tirelessly on behalf of children and families and the private, nonprofit agencies serving Michigan's most vulnerable citizens. The reasons why are clear in our mission, but the ways in which we influence policy, programs, funding and operations through action are diverse and powerful. Member involvement is vital to our progress and achievements.

The Federation is at the forefront of advocacy efforts and action as child welfare reform continues in Michigan. Our input and feedback to leadership of the Snyder Administration, members of the Michigan Legislature, and officials within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has been sought out, respected and acted upon.

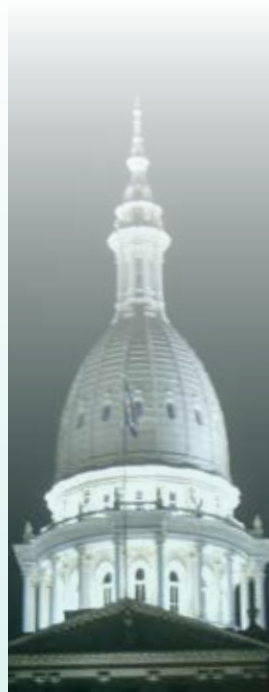
Highlights of the past year's efforts include:

Partnership

- Led the effort and ultimately secured a new adoption contract payment structure, as developed and finalized in partnership by representatives of the private agency community and MDHHS through the Adoption Contract Workgroup.
- Hosted meetings of and worked collaboratively with the Michigan Child Welfare Partnership Council to advocate for changes to the child welfare system that focus on outcomes for kids, ultimately launching a performance-based funding pilot in Kent County that allows private agencies the flexibility to innovate in their service delivery, and ensuring that the views of Federation members were included in the process.
- Participated in the West Michigan Partnership for Children's meetings, including Director's Steering Committee meetings with the MDHHS executive leadership and engagement meetings with project management firm Public Consulting Group (PCG).
- Helped shape the "MDHHS Systems Transformation" discussions through a strong collaboration of MDHHS, private providers, behavioral/mental health clinicians and national experts to develop a system of care for children that is focused on high quality, trauma-informed, therapeutic intervention in the least restrictive environment, while maintaining strong family connections and progress toward permanency.
- As the only private agency representation, co-presented at the MDHHS Annual Statewide Directors Meeting on "Achieving Caseload Reduction: Transitioning to 13:1." The discussion centered on developing a more thoughtful approach to accomplish the caseload reduction at the local level, acknowledging that strong collaboration between DHHS county offices and private agencies will be needed to transition the field to this ratio of foster care cases per caseworker.
- Collaborated with MDHHS directors and private agency leaders to launch the Regional Placement Unit in Genesee, Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties to provide consistency in the process for initial foster care placements to make possible the best and most timely placements.
- Engaged in dialogue with family court administrators in order to work more collectively to strengthen the supports and services available to families and children.

Advocacy

- Successfully advocated with the Michigan Legislature to increase administrative reimbursement rates for foster care, residential treatment, shelter care, independent living, and treatment foster care as included in the FY 2017-18 state budget, adding nearly \$15 million to private sector contracted services.
- Drafted budget boilerplate language that was ultimately signed into law, increasing payments to child placing agencies for completed relative caregiver licensure, including the appropriation needed to implement the changes.
- Drafted budget boilerplate language that was ultimately signed into law, stating the MDHHS may pay providers of foster care services a per diem daily administrative rate for every case on a caseworker's caseload for the duration of a case from referral acceptance to the discharge of wardship.
- Gathered data from residential treatment providers regarding utilization and costs in an effort to help inform discussions with MDHHS leadership and the Michigan Legislature.
- Issued numerous "action alerts" to Federation membership using the advocacy tool "Muster." This allowed membership to easily engage with local, state, and federal-level elected officials on a multitude of issues impacting the nonprofit community serving children and families.



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Support

- Served as a conduit for daily troubleshooting for difficulties that agencies experience with navigating and implementing state policies, training requirements, data reporting and payment systems.
- Hosted a capacity audience at the fifth annual residential treatment conference, "Minimizing Risks, Maximizing Opportunities," attracting Michigan's Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley and nationally acclaimed speakers focused on bringing best practices to the field.
- Hosted successful Federation member agency and board representatives' legislative visits in Lansing and in-district to connect directly with elected state representatives and senators regarding key child welfare policy priorities and private agency budget needs.
- Hosted a hugely successful 2017 Senior Management Conference themed "Come Together: Partners in Excellence," including a special pre-conference institute that focused on national policy initiatives.
- Published the *2017 Directory of Residential Treatment Programs for Abused, Neglected and Delinquent Youth*. Since its first publication in 2013, the directory has been accessed over 7,000 times through the link at www.michfed.org. The directory is recognized by the State Court Administrative Office as a beneficial resource for those who seek residential treatment for youth within Michigan.

Our mission

To unite private, nonprofit human service providers, advocates, customers, individuals and funders to...

- ◆ influence public policy in support of children, families and individuals reaching their full potential;
- ◆ identify, develop and implement efficient and effective services to Michigan's most vulnerable children and families; and
- ◆ support and enhance the ability of Michigan's private, nonprofit agencies to provide human services.

Each year, Federation member agencies generate
human and economic impact
and **community investment.**

Collectively, member agencies:

- ◆ Serve the critical needs of over **100,000** children and **75,000** adults throughout the state
- ◆ Provide over a **half-billion dollars** worth of services to vulnerable children and families
- ◆ Generate over **\$35 million** in private donations to help offset operating costs
- ◆ Utilize over **\$350 million** in equipment, land and buildings to serve vulnerable children and families
- ◆ Employ over **9,300** individuals across the state and pay salaries totaling more than **\$306 million**
- ◆ Generate over **\$23 million** in payroll taxes and pay over **\$60 million** in fringe benefits
- ◆ Engage over **700** community and business leaders as members of agency boards of directors
- ◆ Activate more than **30,000** volunteers, who generously devote over **670,000** hours of donated service to children and families

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