

A user-friendly GUIDE TO

Adoption

FOR FAMILIES in Macomb County



About This Book

This *Small Book* is designed to assist families in locating free or low-cost community services in Macomb County and is designed to be user-friendly.

The book first lists a "SITUATION" followed by a short descriptive phrase about each of the known services listed for that situation, an explanation of the services and eligibility requirements (if applicable), and finally, the telephone number for the service.

This book lists services by a service category, not by agency. This helps to speed the finding of needed services. For the most part, only Macomb County resources are listed. Exceptions to this are out-of-county resources included if a Macomb County facility is filled or county or state services that may be accessed in Macomb County.

To aid you in your use of this book, you will notice the following format: Each "*Situation*" is enclosed in a black box to differentiate it from other situations.

The symbol (~) is placed in front of each new service under that category. All known services for a situation are grouped under it regardless of what agency offers those services.

As names of agencies and programs frequently change, please note that the former name is indicated in brackets { }.

Every effort has been made to assure that the information is up-to-date and accurate. Due to the dynamic nature of organizations, information changes often.

We hope that you enjoy this resource and that you are able to locate help more quickly. For your information, *Small Books* are available on the following topics:

Adoption	Literacy
Child Abuse	Mental Health
Child Care	Parenting
Dementia	Recreation/Leisure
Dental	Runaway Services
Domestic Violence	Senior Citizen Services
Employment & Training Services	Sexual Assault
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	Special Needs
Financial Assistance	Substance Abuse
Food	Suicide Prevention
Gambling Addiction/Problems	Support Groups
Resources	Teen Pregnancy Service
Health	Transportation
Homeless Services	Utility Assistance
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ADOPTION

SITUATION: A family wishes to adopt.

Agencies placing children for adoption in Macomb County	
Bethany Christian Services*	(800) 238-4269
Catholic Services of Macomb*, Clinton Twp.	(586) 416-2300 or toll free: (866) 416-2300 (888) 4-BABYDUE
Department of Human Services* (Only coordinates the adoption of children through the state Child Welfare System. Most of these children are adopted by foster parents. ¹)	(586) 469-6769
Family Adoption Consultants*	(586) 726-2988
Lutheran Adoption Services*	(248) 423-2770
<i>¹ Individuals or families wishing to adopt may first want to consider becoming a foster parent. For more information on how to become a foster parent, contact Patti Laukonis, Department of Human Services, (586) 469-5834.</i>	

SITUATION: A family wants information about adoption (referrals to community resources and library of adoption issues).

Bethany Christian Services*	(800) 238-4269
Catholic Services of Macomb*, Clinton Twp.	(586) 416-2300 or toll free: (866) 416-2300 (888) 4BABYDUE
Family Adoption Consultants*	(586) 726-2988
Department of Human Services*	(586) 469-6769
Lutheran Adoption Services*, Southfield	(248) 423-2770
Orchards Children's Services	(586) 997-3886

SITUATION: A family wants to know about post-adoption resources available in Macomb County.

Catholic Services of Macomb*, Clinton Twp.	(586) 416-2300 or toll free: (866) 416-2300 (888) 4-BABYDUE
Videotapes on adoption issues are available at the Macomb County Community Mental Health Resource Center in Mt. Clemens.	(586) 466-7910

SITUATION: A family has adopted a child who has serious medical problems or emotional problems related to the adoption from prior abuse and needs help covering the cost of medical or mental health services.

Michigan Department of Human Services* - Adoption Subsidy Program*	(517) 241-0454
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SITUATION: An adoptive parent is seeking adoption-related counseling for his/her family.

Catholic Services of Macomb*	Clinton Twp.	(586) 416-2300
	or toll free:	(866) 416-2300

SITUATION: A family needs help in accessing support groups for adoptive parents.

- ❖ **Support group information** is available from Catholic Services of Macomb*, Clinton Twp. (586) 416-2300 or toll free: (866) 416-2300.

SITUATION: An adoptee is searching for birth family, and/or siblings or a parent is looking for their adopted child.

Start by contacting the agency or court that did the placement. In Macomb County, these are most often the starting resources:

Macomb County Circuit Court - Juvenile Division - Adoption Department	(586) 469-5382
Catholic Services of Macomb*, Clinton Twp.	(586) 416-2300 or toll free: (866) 416-2300

SITUATION: An individual is seeking a support group.

- ❖ **Adoptive Persons, Adoptive Parents and Siblings** *free* monthly support group held on the third Wednesday of the month from September - June, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. in Hazel Park. Available from Adoption Identity Movement* (AIM*), (248) 548-6291
- ❖ **Adoptive Parent Support Group** is a *free* monthly support group for parents who have adopted a child of any age. The group meets on the first Thursday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. at Catholic Services of Macomb, 15945 Canal, Clinton Township. Available from Catholic Services of Macomb*, Clinton Twp., (586) 416-2300.
- ❖ **Birth Parent/Adult Adoptee Support Group** is a *free* monthly support group for birth parents and adult adoptees in the process of searching. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at Catholic Services of Macomb, 15945 Canal, Clinton Township. Available from Catholic Services of Macomb*, Clinton Twp., (586) 416-2300.

SITUATION: A female is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and needs professional counseling to help explore her options.

Bethany Christian Services*	(800) 238-4269
Catholic Services of Macomb*, Clinton Twp.	(586) 416-2300
Macomb County Crisis Center*	(586) 307-9100
Planned Parenthood of Southeast Michigan*	(800) 230-PLAN

SITUATION: A female is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and needs emotional or other support.

The following agencies are pro-life organizations staffed by volunteers:

Catholic Services of Macomb	(586) 416-2300
Compassion Pregnancy Center*	(586) 783-9620
Birthright of Macomb County*	(586) 254-5930
Women and Teens Pregnancy Center *	(586) 939-4357

OTHER SERVICES

24 HOUR HELP LINE FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS: (866) 416-2300

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For the complete Resource Directory, please go to www.misd.net/connection





GREAT PARENTS MACOMB*
Serving families with children birth to age 5

For information on other resources for families of children
age birth to 5 years, please call:

1.866.4MACOMB

1.866.464.2662

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