

## Are you a Foster Youth/Parent with medical needs but lack financial means to pay for them?



Adoption Option Inc., Child Welfare Organization (AOICWO) was awarded a grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund (MHEF). These funds allow us to address gaps in medical coverage.

**Please visit our website to get more information:** <http://adoptionoptioninc.org/MHEF>

### **A few examples of qualifying needs are:**

- Assistance with coverage for additional counseling sessions
- Assistance with mileage expenses related to doctor's visits
- Help paying for medically necessary equipment for sensory or other mental health needs.

## Are you trying to become licensed as a Foster Parent but have medical needs and lack the financial means to pay for them?



AOICWO wants to assist you by providing the Michigan Health Endowment Funds to help with meeting medically related expenses connected with becoming a licensed foster home.

### **A few examples of qualifying needs for licensing are:**

- Physicals that are not covered by insurance
- Assistance with mileage expenses related to doctor's visits



## Are you an Adoptive Parent whose family has medical needs but lacks financial means to pay for them?



Visit our website or give us a call to talk about how the MHEF program could help meet the needs of your adopted or foster child.

### **A few examples of qualifying needs are:**

- Orthopedic supplies like special shoes for ankle braces
- Help offsetting post adoption costs for inpatient mental health services
- Coverage of adoptive family physicals if the child does not qualify for adoption subsidy
- Trauma Assessments

## Some examples of unmet medical needs:

### Physical needs:

- Eye exams, glasses, dental work, yearly physicals, prescription medical equipment

### Mental health needs:

- Out of network psychological and psychiatric therapy, trauma assessment

### Transportation needs:

- Visiting specialized doctors out of town
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## We hope to be able to assist with medical needs not covered by the following services:

- Primary insurance
- MI Child
- Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) funds
- Other state funded programs

Adoption Option Inc. was initially founded to provide adoption services, help children in the foster care system and to share free information about adoption and foster care. The agency started expanded services as the need presented.

Some of the expanded services include licensing to become a foster parent and LEAP, a summer program formed to help foster youth focus on the benefits of education. As the agency has grown and developed it started offering family preservation services to help children reunify with their biological parents.

We now provide several types of family preservation programs. Our agency is pleased to assist families with a diverse array of child welfare services.



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# Adoption Option Inc. & Michigan Health Endowment Fund



## Filling the Gaps