



ISSUE 46 · SPRING 2024

PARC Events & Info • P. 4



CHILDREN WANT YOU TO KNOW...

10 things

ADOPTED

CHILDREN WANT YOU TO KNOW...

- 1. We need more than just love
- 2. It's okay, and even normal, for us to experience negative emotions
- 3. We can experience both happiness and sadness
- 4. We often feel as though we have no control
- 5. Open adoption is about more than knowing our biological parents
- 6. Your health as a parent is crucial for us as we join your family
- 7. We don't like to be labeled
- 8. We "are adopted," and it remains an ongoing part of our identity
- 9. When we ask questions, we aren't stalking our past
- 10. Our adoption can be a celebratory event

Click HERE to view the full article online.

DID YOU KNOW?

Medical Subsidy can help pay for tutoring or camp!

Families can use a subsidy for tutoring up to \$150 per week.

This benefit is available for children who attend public schools, private schools or are homeschooled. The request for this benefit must include a written recommendation for tutoring from the child's teacher(s), an estimated length of time, a written plan or syllabus, and documentation verifying that the tutor is qualified.



Medical Subsidies can also help pay for camp up to \$500 per calendar year. The camp must be licensed in the state where it is located. Documentation from the child's professional service providers is needed to verify that camp would benefit the child.

The prior approval requests should be mailed to the AGAO Medical Subsidy office. Additional verification may be required.

Click **HERE** for more information.





ADOPTEE Spotlight

Dave was an American businessman, philanthropist, fast-food tycoon and founder of Wendy's. He was adopted between six weeks and six months old. As an adult, he became a well-known advocate for adoption. He founded the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, which is a nonprofit public charity dedicated to finding permanent homes for children waiting in foster care in the United States and Canada. He also became an education advocate and founded the Dave Thomas Education Center, which offers GED classes to young adults.



Build connections and get support from others who truly understand!

What are people saying about PARC?

"These people are my tribe. This support group has helped me get through so many things."

"My PARC worker helped to keep me from jumping off the ledge many times. I never felt judged, only supported."

"My experience was wonderful, our worker was a huge help to us. We truly appreciate all of the support!"

"Our PARC worker has been a true blessing to our family. Their kindred spirit helped me through a difficult time."

"The Dad's Group was a great way for dads to connect and see they are not the only dads out there."

For a complete list of events and resources, visit www.parc-judson.org/calendar

Mailing Address 3840 Packard Rd. Suite 170 Ann Arbor, MI

Region 5 Phone 734-794-2988

Region 6 Phone 810-732-8510









MONTHLY ONLINE SUPPORT GROUPS



FABULOUS FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENTS

First Monday of every month 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



ADOPTIVE FAMILY CONNECTIONS

First Thursday of every month 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

To register, contact: parc_5@judsoncenter.org or 734-794-2988.

