

## New push launched to find adoptive families

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The Odren Family and Congressman Vern Ehlers

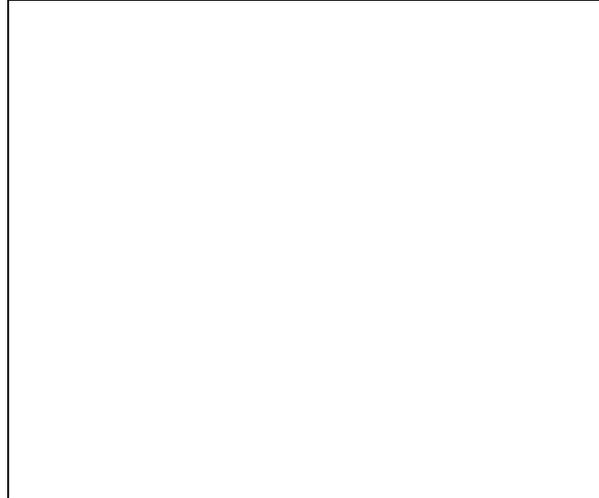
GRAND RAPIDS (WZZM) - There are 16,000 children in Michigan's foster care system looking for homes. Now there is a push to match up more of those kids with parents.

Bethany Christian Services and the Department of Human Services are joining forces for a recruitment campaign. Experts say there are 13% fewer foster children compared to last year, but the need is still great.

"In some areas of the state, we may have enough homes, but in some areas, especially large urban areas, we definitely need more and more homes," explained Kate Hanley of the Michigan DHS. "We have children that might have to go into a shelter or a group home because there isn't a home available to that child at that point. So we always need to have more homes than we have children."

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