

Michigan Foster Care Review Board Program (FCRBP) Legislative History and Program Description

Legislative History

- **1980 PA 376** FCRB pilot program created
- **1984 PA 422** FCRBP created in larger counties with sunset clause
- **1986 PA 159** FCRBP continued with sunset clause
- **1989 PA 74** FCRBP continued without sunset clause
- **1997 PA 170** FCRBP expanded statewide to include foster parent appeals and permanent ward reviews

Program Description

- **A system of third party citizen oversight of children's foster care in the state**
- **Administered by the State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court**
- **Comprised of citizen volunteers on 30 local review boards throughout the State**
- **Boards meet monthly to review five sibgroups of abuse/neglect wards in foster care**
- **Boards make advisory recommendations to courts, agencies, interested parties**
- **Boards review appeals of foster parents regarding removal of wards from placements in their foster home**
- **Boards review permanent wards whose parental rights have been terminated, but who have not been adopted**
- **Data collected at local reviews compiled for state and local advocacy efforts, and for support of Michigan's Program Improvement Plan, established to bring Michigan in compliance with the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997.**
- **Program Annual Report makes recommendations to Governor and Legislature based on identified trends and data.**