

## Registering with MARE

### Who can register?

Families from Massachusetts with an approved homestudy can register with MARE

### How do you register?

Mail, email, or fax a copy of your homestudy to MARE and submit a registration form. You can access the registration form at this link:

<http://www.mareinc.org/forms/familyregistrationform.html> or you can, contact MARE or your social worker to request a copy of the registration form.

### Why register with MARE?

Once **families** are **registered** with **MARE**, their criteria will be compared with the needs of the children registered with MARE. If a potential match is identified, **MARE will forward the family's homestudy to the child's social worker**. Follow-up on such referrals is at the discretion of the child's social worker. It is not uncommon for placements to occur from this process- it is a great way for your homestudy to reach more social workers who are looking for families!

### Keeping your registration current

Please be sure to let us know if there are any changes in your status or matching criteria and to submit any updates to your homestudy. The more current the information that we have, the better we will be able to help facilitate a match!

### Aren't I already registered with MARE?

Sometimes families sign up for MARE's online matching program and think they are registered with MARE. With online matching, families enter information about themselves and their criteria for a match. Families can then choose to submit inquiries about children or teenagers that come up as matches. However, their homestudy would not be sent out by MARE, as it would be when MARE finds matches for **registered** children and families. To find out more about online matching, you can go to: <http://extranet.mareinc.org/welcome.aspx>

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