

Registering your Homestudy with MARE

Who can register their homestudy?

Families from Massachusetts with an approved adoption homestudy can register with MARE, or their social worker can register on their behalf.

How do you register your homestudy?

Mail, email, or fax a copy of your homestudy to MARE and submit a registration form.

You can access the registration form at

<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 your homestudy with MARE?

Once a family's homestudy is 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. MARE will notify your family resource worker when we send out your homestudy but we do not notify families directly. Follow-up on such referrals is at the discretion of the social workers. Additionally, registered families may be invited to small, specialized adoption events targeted at specific populations of waiting children.

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 we have, the better we will be able to help facilitate a match!

Haven't I already registered my homestudy with MARE?

Sometimes families sign up for MARE's online matching program and think they are have registered their homestudy, although these are two separate services. 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 families who have registered their homestudy. To find out more about online *matching*, you can go to:

<http://extranet.mareinc.org/welcome.aspx>

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