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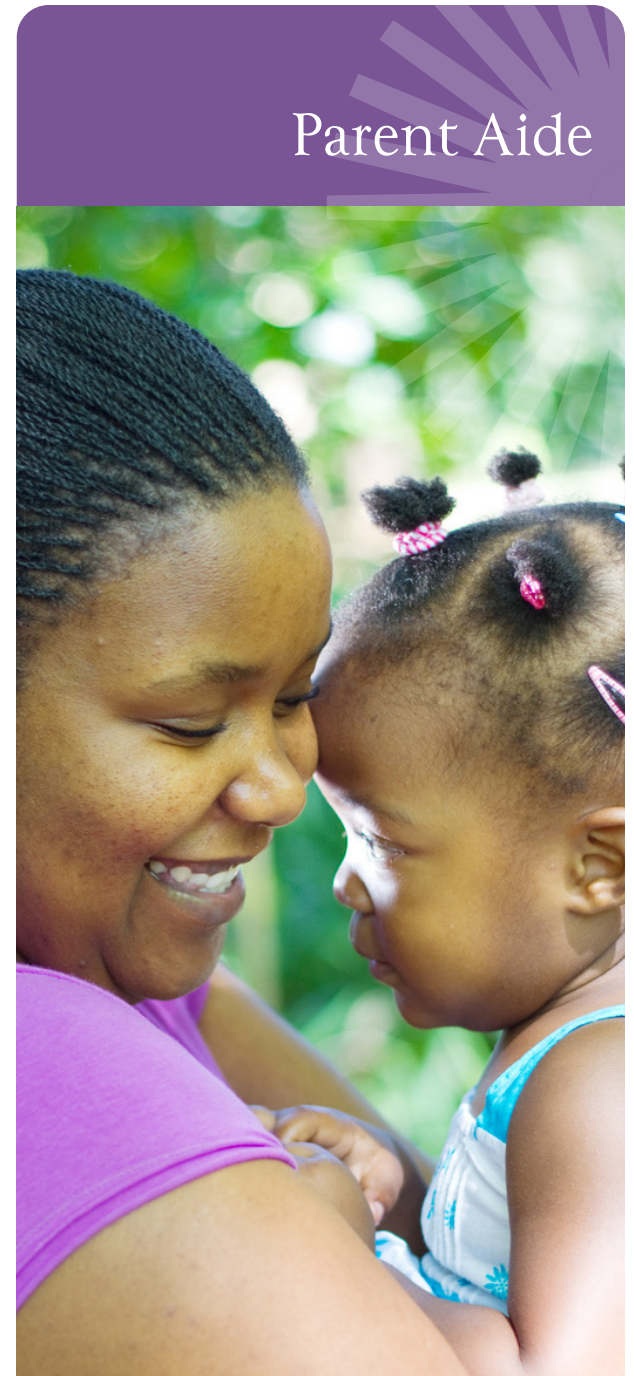
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## Parent Aide

Parent Aide serves families in Branch or Calhoun County that have been identified by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Children's Protective Services as needing support. The families are offered a Parent Aide who meets with them in their home within five days of referral. A range of services are provided to the families for up to six months.

### What can families expect?

Families can expect a strength-based approach. The Parent Aide will use the family's strengths to assist them in solving the challenges they are facing. Service areas include:

- Parenting Skills Education
- Life/Home Management Skills
- Connection with community resources
- Communication and conflict resolution
- Building positive relationships
- Assistance with counseling referrals
- Family, individual, and/or marital support
- Support for transportation needs
- Joint development of goals with parents
- Child care
- Monitoring school attendance
- Arranging tutoring, if necessary
- Identifying housing
- Meal planning



### The Parent Aide Program:

- Works with families in their own home
- Learns about the challenges each family is facing and links families with direct services
- Provides service to the family for up to six (6) months
- Works with families during evenings or weekends when necessary
- Works with families for a minimum of one (1) hour per week
- Provides a monthly summary of services to the MDHHS worker
- Administers the Adult-Adolescent Parenting Inventory to determine parenting beliefs and attitudes toward child rearing

### Who is eligible?

Parent or primary caregiver in Branch or Calhoun County who is responsible for the care and supervision of minor child(ren):

- Who has an open MDHHS Category I, II, III Delinquency case
- May be used as an alternative to out-of-home placement
- May be used to assist with an early return goal for youth in foster care

### Who can refer?

Branch and/or Calhoun County Department of Health and Human Services Children's Protective Services' specialists and supervisors

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