

***Michigan Child Welfare Improvement Task Force  
Practice Workgroup Recommendations***

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- Collect and analyze quantitative and qualitative data to identify needs of children/youth placed in congregate caring institutions (CCIs) and other demographics so that the state understands the types of services that are necessary to prevent placement of children, particularly children of color, in CCIs.
- Conduct an environmental scan to assess current service array for children/youth and foster parents that would prevent placement into a CCI.
- Utilize information from qualitative and quantitative data analysis and environmental scans to identify gaps in the current service array.
- Develop targeted funding strategy to address the gap in the current services array.