

# Runestad joins panel to hear from foster parents

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State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, will join a collection of other policymakers Sept 22 on a listening panel to hear from the caregivers of children in foster care.

"Foster parents raise children in a variety of settings with mixed results, and we need to listen to them and share their successes, while at the same time hearing what challenges they face and decide how to address those challenges," Runestad, a foster parent, stated in the release. "We can incorporate the things that foster parents have found that work well into future policy as the legislature continues to work for the best foster-care system possible."

The event, called FamilySpeak, is sponsored by Michigan's Children. The group hosts different forums comprised of federal, state, county, and city government officials, as well as community and business leaders.

Reach Runestad's office at 517-373-2616 or [jimrunestad@house.mi.gov](mailto:jimrunestad@house.mi.gov). He represents the 44th district, which includes Milford, Highland, White Lake, Springfield and part of Waterford.

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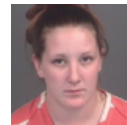
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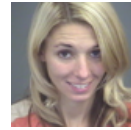
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