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## **Ethical & Equitable Practices, Truth & Transparency, and Sibling Connections Adoption Network Cleveland's Annual Lobby Day, May 7, 2024**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – April 11, 2024 - Volunteers and staff representing Adoption Network Cleveland, and its mission, will meet throughout the day in teams with multiple State Representatives and Senators to raise awareness and discuss opportunities to support and improve adoption and foster care for Ohioans.

These teams plan to engage in meaningful conversation around Adoption Network Cleveland's ideas to improve the following areas:

- **Ethical and Equitable Practices in Adoption**
- **Truth and Transparency in Adoption and Donor Conception**
- **Fostering Sibling Connections**

Adoption Network Cleveland has a long history of working with policy makers to shape sound adoption and foster care policy. Through virtual programming, the non-profit educates and supports all those touched by adoption state-wide as well as participants of local in-person program offerings. Volunteers will speak from personal experience as adoptees, adoptive and birth parents, and donor conceived individuals.

Contact Savannah Johns for background information or to schedule interviews with subject experts and/or community members.

### **About Adoption Network Cleveland**

Adoption Network Cleveland: The Ohio Family Connection is an innovative non-profit organization with over 35 years of experience serving the adoption and foster care communities. Our organization fulfills otherwise unmet needs for information, advocacy, education and support for adult adoptees, birth parents and birth family; adoptive, kinship and foster families; youth in foster care and foster alumni; and related professionals. More recently, the organization has expanded its services to use its expertise in adoption search, reunion with birth family, and peer support networks to assist those who have been donor-conceived or have misattributed parentage. The organization can be found online at [www.adoptionnetwork.org](http://www.adoptionnetwork.org) or on social media at @AdoptionNetCle.

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