

Adoption Network
Cleveland

Freshly Squeezed Scoop!

With Betsie



Join us for a quick 30-minute virtual discussion! You'll learn more about Adoption Network Cleveland's lasting legacy of meeting the needs of the adoption, kinship, and foster care community, as well as what's next for the organization and our services.

Wednesday, May 12 at 5:30-6:00 pm

Betsie speaks with Search Specialist Traci Onders about how the field of search has evolved due to commercial DNA kits and why access to search assistance is important for our community. Adoption Network Cleveland created a lasting legacy through advocacy to give adoptees access to their original birth certificates, and we are continuing to evolve to meet the changing needs of not only those connected to adoption but now also those who are donor-conceived or have experienced a DNA discovery.

Thursday, May 20 at 12:30-1:00 pm

Betsie speaks with adoptive parent Lori McCarthy about how our services for adoptive, kinship, and foster families evolves and grows with families to meet their needs along their life-long journey. Lori and her family have been connected with the organization for more than 30 years. Danielle Gibson, Program Coordinator and Educational Liaison, joins them to share how the pandemic has impacted service provision and what services will look like moving forward.

Thursday, May 27 at 5:30-6:00 pm

Betsie speaks with Aaron Ockerman of Ockerman Consulting about his legislative work with Adoption Network at the state level and the organization's commitment to change through public policy and advocacy. The organization is creating a legacy of real system change within our field that will continue to provide a voice for those impacted by adoption, kinship, and foster care in the years to come.

Link to join the meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4758655501?pwd=WXFkNoVyeVB2c2xLdzFHWGh2SDZnQTog>
Meeting ID: 475 865 5501. Passcode: vCk9gZ

Questions? Email Tammy at tammy.willet@adoptionnetwork.org