

ADOPTION NETWORK CLEVELAND

YEAR IN REVIEW

OCTOBER 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2022

OUR MISSION

We connect and empower individuals, organizations, and communities impacted by adoption, kinship, and foster care, and we provide a source of healing for those in need.

1,600+

INDIVIDUALS SERVED

Including Adoptees, Birth Parents, Adoptive Parents, Donor Conceived Individuals, Individuals with a Non-adoption related DNA Discovery, Kinship Caregivers, Foster Parents, Youth in Foster Care, Foster Alumni, Family Members, and Professionals in the Field.

4,573

HOURS VOLUNTEERED BY 124 VOLUNTEERS



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BY THE NUMBERS

ADOPTION NETWORK CLEVELAND



453 SERVED

SERVICES FOR FAMILIES

Family Ties Parent & Youth Program
Permanency Mediation
Family Resilience Fund
Prospective Parent Workshops
Educational Liaison Services
Weaving Cultures Transracial Families
Ohio Kinship & Adoption Navigator

36 FAMILIES

FAMILY RESILIENCE FUND

Parents and caregivers received emergency financial assistance to maintain permanency for the children in their care. 205 parents, caregivers, and children benefitted.

46 INDIVIDUALS

WORKSHOPS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Adoption 101: Where Do I Begin? and Adoption 201: Domestic Infant Adoption workshops assist prospective adoptive parents in learning about the adoption process and key considerations.

7 PARENTS

EDUCATIONAL LIAISON SERVICES

Educational Liaison Services provide support for parents whose children are experiencing challenges at school, including applying and advocating for an Individualized Education Program or 504 Plan, preparing for IEP and 504 meetings, connection to education resources, intervention and accommodation strategies, and coordination with educators.

262 PARTICIPANTS

FAMILY TIES PARENT & YOUTH PROGRAM

Serving adoptive, kinship, and foster families through one-on-one support, monthly groups, educational training opportunities, peer network building, normalizing family social activities, information and referral, and personal advocacy.

30 YOUTH

PERMANENCY MEDIATION

Provided a confidential, cooperative problem-solving process as a neutral third party with families referred by the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services.

632 SERVED

SERVICES FOR ADULT ADOPTEES, BIRTH PARENTS & DNA DISCOVERIES

Birth Mother Support Group
Birth Parent Support
General Discussion Meetings
Search & DNA Assistance
DNA Discovery Support Group
Life Coaching

188 INDIVIDUALS

GENERAL DISCUSSION MEETINGS

General Discussion Meetings provide a safe place where people can share their feelings and experiences, get support from their peers, and learn from others' perspectives. All members of the adoption constellation are welcome to attend. Programs periodically offer a special topic, and remain primarily virtual.

677 Cumulative Attendance

12 Special Topic Presentations

44 BIRTH MOTHERS

BIRTH MOTHER SUPPORT GROUP

Our Birth Mother Support Group provides a safe and supportive environment to help with the complexities that are often part of the adoption experience.

The meetings are open to birth mothers connected by the lifelong journey of adoption and are an opportunity for birth mothers to encourage one another in their healing process through discussion and interaction.

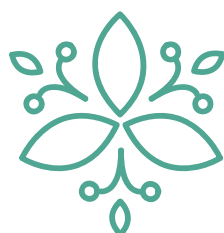
204 INDIVIDUALS

SEARCH & DNA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Expert, personalized support for individuals interested in finding birth family, serving adult adoptees, birth parents/family members, individuals who are donor conceived or who have experienced a DNA discovery.

42 Cases Completed

44 New Cases



1,620 SERVED

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Adoption Assessor Training
OCWTP Parent Training
Helpline Inquires
Monday Evening Speaker Series
Outreach Events
Speaking Engagements

**242 PROFESSIONALS &
PARENTS TRAINED**

Adoption Network Cleveland is a partner of the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program, providing comprehensive, competency-based training for adoption and child welfare professionals, parents and caregivers. Multiple workshops are offered throughout the year on a variety of topics.

282 Cumulative Attendance
44 Workshops

196

HELPLINE INQUIRES

If you have a question related to adoption or foster care, or you are in need of support, our Helpline is here to help.



196 INDIVIDUALS

MONDAY EVENING SPEAKER SERIES

Our Monday Evening Speaker Series (virtual) provides information regarding the needs of our community through presentations by national, regional and local experts. The series featured authors, therapists, films, and experts in the field of adoption, foster care, and DNA discoveries.

352 Cumulative Attendance
16 Expert Presentations

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC POLICY

We serve as a collective voice for many who feel otherwise silenced. Top agenda priorities this year included Fostering Sibling Connections, Runaway Responses, and Fertility Fraud (HB 64).

45 LEGISLATIVE VISITS

LOBBY DAY

Volunteers traveled to Columbus with candy, issue materials, and passion to build and confirm support for our agenda.

132 Legislative Offices Given Materials
21 Volunteers