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| DATE OF ADOPTION FINALIZATION | START DATE | THINGS TO DO |
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| All Years | NOW | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>EXPLORE YOUR SEARCH OPTIONS</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>FIND POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUPS & RESOURCES</p> </div> </div> <p>Non-profit organizations like Adoption Network Cleveland and Ohio Birthparent Group can help.</p> |
| All Years | NOW | <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>REQUEST YOUR NON-IDENTIFYING INFORMATION</p>  18+ </div> <p>If you are age 18 or older, you can locate more information about your personal history by Requesting Your Non-Identifying Information from the attorney or agency that facilitated your adoption. These requests can take months to process, so start today!</p> |
| All Years | NOW | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>FORM HEA 3036</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>FILE AN AUTHORIZATION OF RELEASE OF ADOPTED NAME</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  21+ </div> </div> <p>If you are age 21 or older and want your adopted name to be released to your birthparents or siblings, you can file an Authorization of Release of Adopted Name (HEA 3036). If a birthparent or sibling files an Application for Release of Adopted Name (HEA 3039), your adopted name can be released to them if your authorization is on file.</p> |
| Dec 31, 1963 and earlier | NOW | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>ADOPTION FILES HELD BY OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ARE ALREADY OPEN TO ADOPTEES OF THIS ERA. REQUEST YOUR INFORMATION TODAY (FORM HEA 3011)!</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>FORM HEA 3011</p> </div> </div> |
| On/After Sept 18, 1996 |  | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>ADOPTION FILES HELD BY OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ARE ALREADY OPEN TO ADOPTEES OF THIS ERA!</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>FORM HEA 3038</p> </div> </div> <p>If your adoption was finalized on/after Sept 18th, 1996, Ohio Department of Health (ODH) already makes your adoption file available once you turn 18. If you are age 18-20, your adoptive parents can file Form HEA 3038 to request your adoption file on your behalf. Adoptees ages 21+ can file Form HEA 3038 directly. Adoptees will receive the contents of their file unless their birthparent has denied access.</p> |
| Jan 1, 1964- Sept 17, 1996 |  | <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>REQUEST YOUR ADOPTION FILE FROM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</p> </div> <p>ADOPTTEE WINDOW OPENS to begin requesting your adoption files from Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Do NOT submit requests to ODH before this date, as they will not be considered prior to opening day. More information about these request forms will be available closer to 'opening day' of the Adoptee Window.</p> |

THERE IS SUPPORT AVAILABLE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT THESE CHOICES OR ADOPTION ISSUES IN GENERAL.



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