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Ohio Celebrates National Adoption Month in November

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) joins Governor Mike DeWine and Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted in recognizing November as Adoption Recognition and Recruitment Month in Ohio to raise awareness and encourage Ohioans to consider becoming adoptive families.

Governor DeWine and Lieutenant Governor Husted released a [proclamation](#) noting the 2022 National Adoption Month theme, “Small Steps Open Doors,” and reminding citizens that youth are never too old to need permanent, lifelong relationships and meaningful connections to supportive adults to reach their full potential.

“More than 3,000 youth in foster care are waiting to be adopted and 1,400 of those are teenagers,” said ODJFS Director Matt Damschroder. “We need loving families to come alongside and be part of their story.”

ODJFS and its partners are launching a new statewide **It Takes 100% Heart** marketing campaign this month which will include a robust social media presence, billboards, and print and digital advertising. In addition, individual counties will celebrate by hosting adoption awareness events, events for past and recent adoptive families, and finalizing multiple adoptions. There will be discussion groups and individuals will discuss how adoption has impacted their lives.

For more information on local Adoption Month events, contact your children services agency. To learn more about adopting in Ohio, visit FosterAndAdopt.ohio.gov.

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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance child care, child and adult protective services, adoption, and child support services.

