



November is National Adoption Month

November is [National Adoption Month](#) and this year the focus is on the adoption of older youth currently in foster care—because “We Never Outgrow the Need for Family.” This theme calls attention to the number of older youth in foster care who need loving, safe and permanent families.

In Ohio, 2,397 children are currently in foster care waiting to be adopted. Of those, 1,420 children are 9 years or older. The average amount of time those older kids have spent in foster care is 4 years and 9 months. Creating lifelong connections for these young people is critical in helping them prepare for successful adulthood.

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