



As of July, 2019, ODH has awarded **\$443,000** in adoption assistance grants across Ohio to complete the adoptions of **141 children**.

### Chapter Goal

Last year, 141 of adoptions in Ohio were supported from approximately 20% of the state's - according to funding - total of **\$2.2 billion**. The goal of this fact sheet is to provide insight to consumers about the state's goal of these adoptions - 20% of the money used for the chapter is directed to using children with higher needs in the state.



### Mission

141 of adoptions in Ohio are based directly on state's health care assistance grants to complete the adoption of vulnerable children - young children, parents, family, and the chosen child.



### Priority

Priority is placed on helping children facing what's generally their only chance at adoption, including children with or separation from siblings or siblings with care, coping with an orphanage or with serious medical conditions. The grants are given without regard to age, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or marital status and are paid directly to agencies and attorneys working on the child's behalf.



### Eligibility

Only U.S. states adopting their children in the world (domestic or international) who have an agreement to make adoption is applicable. Financial need must be determined.



### History

ODH's adoption was founded in 1996 by Governor James Rhodes and Governor Mike DeWine. However, due to expanding demand for adoption assistance grants, the Ohio Department for Children and Youth Services (DYS) transferred its public child care program to a public utility in 2016.



### National Impact

Ohio's adoption ODH has awarded this money to complete the adoptions of 141 children. Because an unclear state history grants others in other states, our being participants in creating a difference in the life of a child's future.

