Ohio Certification for Agencies and Families (OCAF)

Apply for Foster Care or Adoption Certification

OCAF gives prospective agencies and families the ability to **inquire**, **apply** and **become certified agency or certified foster and/or adoptive caregiver** with any agency in the state of Ohio.

Key Benefits

1. Provides **access to data & information** for foster caregivers, prospective caregivers, and biological families.
2. Creates **uniform information** across all state agencies allowing for **easy transfers between agencies**.
3. Streamlines the inquiry, application, and certification process for caregivers **applying to any agency in the state**.

Other Benefits

- 24/7 Online Access.
- Streamlines the inquiry, application, certification, and home study process.
- Easily upload, view, and send required documents.
- Easy communication with your agency or state licensing specialist.
- Live Chat with an agent for technical assistance.
- Place to communicate with agencies for child placement and matching.

Available Features

- **Online Inquiry** through It Takes Heart Ohio
- **Online Application** for Foster and/or Adoption Certification
- **Live Chat** and User Guides
- **Document Upload**
- **Dashboards and Reports**

Future Features

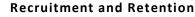- **Integration with Ohio SACWIS** and **CAPS LMS**
- Foster, Adoption, and Agency **Home Certification and Monitoring** Activities.
- **Reminders and Notifications** to Family & Agency Staff
- **Placement Matching Solution**
- **Recruitment and Retention**
- **Portals for Biological Families and Youth in Care** to receive information and communication as well as contribute to their case.

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