

Unmarried Mothers ' lived experiences of closed adoption: Scoping Review

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1960 –1969	1970 –1979	1980-1989	1990 – 1999	2000-2009	2010 –2019	2020 - 2024

- *Seven studies draw upon data collected by Minnesota Texas Adoption Research Project (wave 1: 1986 -1992; wave 2: 1996 – 2000).

Findings

Themes Generated

Disenfranchised Grief & Ambiguous Loss

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Thank you



Any Questions ?

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