

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR REGISTRANTS

Persons who complete the registration should consider the following:

- All registrants must be at least 18 years old.
- The registry does not have access to and cannot provide copies of the original birth certificate, adoption record, or adoption decree.
- The registry only retains information on file provided by the applicants.
- It is essential to update your contact information on a regular basis to assure prompt service.
- The Adoption Information Registry is not a service for the adopted adult's lineal descendants.

Missouri Statute Section 453.121 addresses the release of information in adoptions and provides authority and guidelines for the Adoption Information Registry.



### Our Mission:

To protect Missouri children from abuse and neglect; assuring their safety and well being by partnering with families, communities and government in an ethically, culturally and socially responsible manner.

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## Adoption Information Registry



## WHAT IS THE ADOPTION INFORMATION REGISTRY?

The Missouri Adoption Information Registry is a service by which adopted adults and biological parents or adult siblings may indicate their desire to be contacted by each other.

The Registry can accept applications from adopted adults who were adopted in Missouri or whose biological parents had their parental rights terminated in Missouri.



The Registry also processes applications from those biological parents who relinquish a child for adoption in Missouri as well as adult siblings wishing to have contact with the adopted adult.

The registry is operated by the Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division.

## WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION PROCESS?

Adopted adults, and biological parents or adult siblings must complete and file separate registration forms with the Missouri Adoption Information Registry.

You may obtain a copy of the registration form by:

- Downloading it from the Children's Division website at:  
<http://dss.mo.gov/cd/adopt/adoir.htm>
- Calling or visiting your local Children's Division office; or
- Writing to:

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Children's Division  
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Be sure to mail the completed form to the above address.

The registration form must be accompanied by a copy of a document confirming the adopted adult or biological parents' or adult siblings' identity.

This may include, but is not limited to, a copy of your birth certificate, adoption decree, or driver's license.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU REGISTER?

The information is entered into the Adoption Information Registry.

Search of the Adoption Registry is completed.

If no match is found, a written notification is sent to the registrant.

Possible matches are sent to the court or agency involved in the finalization of the adoption to confirm the match.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A MATCH?

Identifying information regarding the registered biological parent will be released to the adopted adult provided that the other biological parent is either unknown, cannot be found, is deceased, has consented, or has registered with the Adoption Information Registry.

When an adopted adult and a sibling are matched both must consent before identifying information is released.

When a match has occurred, confidential contact will be made by the Division to the adopted adult, biological parent, and adult sibling.

Registrants who have been matched will receive names, addresses, phone numbers, and place of birth.