

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR REGISTRANTS

Persons who complete the registration should consider the following:

The registry is unable to provide any identifying information unless the adopted adult is at least 18 years old.

For adoptions that occurred before August 13, 1986, the adoptive parents must consent to the release of identifying information. The adult adoptee should send a notarized consent and/or copies of adoptive parent's death certificate with their registration.

Sorry, we cannot provide the copies of the original birth record or adoption decree.



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Adoption Information Registry
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Adoption Information Registry



WHAT IS THE ADOPTION INFORMATION REGISTRY?

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

The Registry can accept applications from adult adoptees 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 adult adoptee.

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

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED?

Each party will receive:

- names;
- addresses;
- phone numbers; and
- place of birth.

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: www.dss.state.mo.us/cd/adoir.
- calling or visiting your local Children's Division office.
- writing to: Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division, Adoption Information Registry
P.O. Box 88
Jefferson City, MO 65103

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 adoptee 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?

1. The information is entered into the Adoption Information Registry.
2. Search of the Adoption Registry is completed.
3. If no match is found, a written notification is sent to the registrant.
4. If there is a possible match, an attempt is made to obtain consent from other biological parent. **Both biological parents must consent or no information can be shared.**
5. If both biological parents do not consent, the registrant is notified that no information can be shared.
6. If both biological parents consent, identifying information is provided to all parties.
7. Adult siblings must consent in writing to release of information.

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