ATTENTION | ALL OHIO BIRTHPARENTS

OHIO'S NEW ADOPTION LAW
GOES INTO EFFECT ON MARCH 20, 2014
HOW WILL IT IMPACT YOU?

Was your child placed for adoption BEFORE September 1996?

YES

If your adult child requests their file, would you like them to know how to reach you?

YES

I would like to give them my direct contact information

But not directly.

My Child

Third Party

Me

NO

If your adult child requests their file, are you OK with your name being released?

YES

NO

Fill out Contact Preference Form, Option 1 to give your personal contact information to your child.

Fill out Contact Preference Form, Option 2 to provide the contact information of a friend, family member or other trusted third party that your child can contact.

Fill out Contact Preference Form, Option 3. This option allows your child's original birth certificate to be released to them intact, which is important to your child's sense of history and heritage if they have requested their birth certificate.

Fill out the Birthparent Name Redaction Form. Your child's file will be released to them with your name removed.

At the time of adoption, you may have signed paperwork permitting or preventing your child from accessing their adoption file at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH).

If you might have signed paperwork preventing your child from accessing their file and you have since had a change of heart, submit an Authorization of Release Form for Biological Parent.

If you did not sign any paperwork or have already given your child access to their file, you may submit the new Contact Preference Form to let your child know your preferences for contact.

Birth Certificate

Parent Name

Fill out Contact Preference Form, Option 3.

This option allows your child's original birth certificate to be released to them intact, which is important to your child's sense of history and heritage if they have requested their birth certificate.

Birth Certificate

Parent Name

The Birthparent Name Redaction Form will be available only until 03/19/2015.

NOTE: Adoption searches have always been possible in Ohio without the adoption file. Before and after this new law was passed, there has been no way to guarantee anonymity in adoption. Please consider using the Contact Preference Form instead to give your child a clear understanding of your wishes.

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You can change your choice at anytime by filing a new form.

THERE IS SUPPORT AVAILABLE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT THESE CHOICES OR BIRTHPARENT ISSUES IN GENERAL.

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