

# THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE

## Information from Adoption Records – Adult Adoptee

### **IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:**

You may by law receive identifying information from the adoption record if the following criteria is met:

**1) TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OCCURRED AFTER MAY 28, 1945 OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 12, 1980:**

- if you file an authorization to release identifying information  
and
- if there is a consent on file from the individual you wish to contact

### **OR**

**2) TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OCCURRED PRIOR TO MAY 28, 1945 OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 12, 1980:**

- if you file an authorization to release identifying information  
and
- if there is no denial on file from the individual you wish to contact

Identifying information is defined as name, last known address and phone number if available.

A request to determine if a birth parent or family member has filed a consent or denial to release identifying information will be sent by the Court to the Adoption Central Registry. Identifying information may be released once the reply from the Adoption Central Registry is returned, depending on the whether or not a consent has been filed or if a denial has been filed.

You will be notified by mail if a birth family member has authorized the release of identifying information within thirty days of receipt of your request.

There is a sixty (\$60.00) dollar fee payable to the Wayne County Clerk for the release of identifying information from the adoption record.

### **NON-IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:**

You may by law receive non-identifying information, information that does not include name, last nown address or phone number upon written request.

There is a sixty (\$60.00) dollar fee payable to the Wayne County Clerk for the release of non-identifying information from the adoption record.

## **CONFIDENTIAL INTERMEDIARY:**

Please complete and return the *Petition and Order for Appointment of Confidential Intermediary* if:

- You wish to have an intermediary search for birth family members to ascertain if they are willing to sign consents or authorizations to release their names, addresses and phone numbers.
- There is a twenty (\$20.00) fee payable to the Wayne County Clerk to file this petition.
- The confidential intermediary will charge two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars plus reasonable expenses for the search.

## **FORMS:**

Please find enclosed the following, when applicable:

- Request by Adult Adoptee for Identifying Information
- Release of Information Authorization Adult Adoptee
- A pamphlet - Release of Information from adoption records
- Petition and Order for Appointment of Confidential Intermediary ( PCA 342)

## **OTHER INFORMATION:**

Please only complete and return the *Authorization to Release Identifying Information by Adult Adoptee*, if you wish to place on file your authorization to release your name, address and phone number to your biological parent(s), an adult biological sibling(s), or if you are requesting a confidential intermediary.

Please feel free to contact the Adoptions Unit at (313) 833-1880 in the event you have any additional questions. **Please return your requests with any applicable fees payable to the Wayne County Clerk by money order or cashier's check to:**

Adoptions Unit  
Third Judicial Circuit Court-Family Division  
1025 East Forest Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48207  
ATTENTION: POST ADOPTION SERVICES

Please include the following with your request

- any of the included applicable forms
- a copy of your driver's license
- a copy of the adoption order if available
- a copy of your birth certificate or certificate of registration
- a copy of non-identifying information received from the child placing agency or court if available
- money order or cashier's check for applicable fees **payable to the Wayne County Clerk**