

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

P. O. BOX 88

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

What's Inside:

Information regarding changes to Missouri Adoption Information Registry

MEMORANDUM

January 8, 2007

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS, AND CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: MISSOURI ADOPTION INFORMATION REGISTRY

REFERENCE: CHILDREN'S DIVISION

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce new policy and procedures to the Missouri Adoption Information Registry as a result of changes to 453.121 RSMo.

During the 2005 legislative session, Senate Bill 21 modified provisions regarding the Missouri Adoption Information Registry as maintained by the Children's Division. This change in legislation allows adult siblings to register for contact with an adopted adult. The age of individuals allowed to register was also changed to 18 years of age and older.

This law also changed the process for the Adoption Information Registry by allowing a biological parent or adult sibling to consent to the release of identifying information to an adopted adult, at the time of their registration. In addition, biological parents may file an affidavit with the court of jurisdiction and, if an adopted adult seeks the information from the court, the information may be released to the adopted adult.

The former Adoption Reunion Registry form (CS-51) is being renumbered CD-51a and is being utilized for the Adopted Adult Registration, the CD-51b is being introduced as the form to be utilized for the Biological Parent Registration and the CD-51c is being introduced to be utilized for the Adult Sibling Registration. In addition to the new registration forms, the CS-306, Adoption Information Registry brochure, has been revised and renumbered and is now the CD-51d. These forms and the brochure may be obtained at <http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/adopt/adoir.htm> or by writing to the Adoption Information Registry at P.O. Box 88, Jefferson City, MO 65103 and should be returned to this address in an envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL.

NECESSARY ACTION:

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS:

[Section 3 Chapter 4 Attachment A](#)
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FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS:

CD-51a Adopted Adult Registration
CD-51b Biological Parent Registration
CD-51c Adult Sibling Registration
Forms Instructions
CD-51d Adoption Information Registry brochure

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS and RESOURCES:

N/A

RELATED STATUTE:

[Chapter 453.121 RSMo](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE:

N/A

COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS:

N/A

PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PLAN (PIP):

N/A

SACWIS REQUIREMENTS:

N/A