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Practice Alert

Adoption Information Registry

The purpose of the Practice Alert is to serve as a reminder to staff to explain the process for obtaining information about and contact with the parties to a Missouri Adoption. Once an adoptive family has been selected the case manager/direct Children's Service Worker is to explain the child's right to make a written request to the court that finalized the adoption to obtain identifying information about the biological parents or adult siblings at the time the child reaches age 18. Adoptive Families with adopted youth are also to be made aware of their right to register with the Missouri Adoption Information Registry to permit contact with biological parents or adult siblings who have also registered with the registry.

The Adoption Information Registry is a service within the Missouri Children's Division by which Adult Adoptees (age 18 and over) and Biological Parents or Adult siblings may indicate their desire to be contacted by each other upon the voluntary registration of all parties to the adoption. Staff should share the CD-51D [Adoption information Registry brochure](#) for future reference of the adoptive parents and adopted youth which explains the process for registration and provides contact information for registry staff.

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