



How KCSL Helps

Adoption Search Program

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Agency Background

The Kansas Children's Service League is a private, nonprofit agency that has provided adoption services since 1893. KCSL maintains records of the children who were placed for private adoption and will share this information with adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive parents according to certain guidelines. KCSL does not release any identifying information about the adopted child, birth parents or adoptive parents without that person's written permission to do so, or unless the person was born before 1910 and we can presume he/she has passed away. You may leave your contact information on file with KCSL, along with your written permission, to share it with family members who inquire.

Below you will find a list of services provided through our Adoption Search program and associated fees.

Our Services:

- **Record Check \$20:** Consists of a brief review of the file to determine 1) whether there has been any contact from the other party since the time of adoption; and 2) whether the file contains enough information to make the larger cost of a background or search worthwhile.
- **Medical \$50:** Includes the adoptee's birth and health history and the health history of biological relatives that is contained in the file. Usually, this medical history has not been updated since the time of the adoption.
- **Background \$150:** Includes the adoptee's birth and health history, a short description of the adjustment period after placement, medical history of the biological family that was known at the time, physical descriptions of birth parents and extended biological family members, personality traits, education level, occupation, talents and interests, religion, etc. It also contains a summary of the relationship between the birth parents, the types of families they came from, the circumstances surrounding the pregnancy, and the reason they decided to place the child for adoption.
- **Search and Contact \$150 per four hours:** Involves attempts by the agency to locate the individual being sought. If a search is successful, the individual being sought is given the choice of accepting or declining contact with the birth family member, and KCSL shall honor their decision. If contact is desired, options for arranging this contact will be offered to them.

Searches are handled in the order they are received. Please note there may be a waiting list. Cases involving serious medical conditions may take priority over other searches.

*Fees are necessary to help offset the costs of providing these services.

Conducting Your Own Search

If you would like to conduct your own adoption search, are an adoptee born in Kansas and are over 18 years old, as your first step you may request a copy of your original birth certificate through Vital Statistics. You may contact them at www.kdhe.state.ks.us/vital for more information. This birth certificate should include the name and address of your birth parent(s) at the time of your birth. Based on the information, you can begin your search using public records, such as:

- City directories and phone directories
- License Records
- Probate Court Records
- School Records
- Newspaper Records
- Obituaries and mortuary records

Since most adoptions finalized in Kansas go through DCF (Kansas Department for Children and Families), they may also hold some records on this adoption. You can inquire with:

Tina Anthony
Prevention and Protection Services
Docking State Office Building
915 SW Harrison, 5th Floor
Topeka, KS 66612
(785) 368-8171

If you were not born in Kansas, begin by searching the above records in the state you were born in.