

Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois

FEES FOR POST-ADOPTION SEARCH ASSISTANCE

NOTE: In order to receive information and assistance from the agency, you must first complete a registration through the Illinois Adoption Registry at

http://www.idph.state.il.us/vitalrecords/adoption/Pages/iarmie_info.htm (877-323-5299).

Adoptees must be at least 21 years of age or have written parental permission. Adoptive parents must complete the registry application for adoptees under age 21.

PROVISION OF NON-IDENTIFYING INFORMATION TO ADOPTEES

\$300

The agency will review files and provide the non-identifying information to which you are entitled by Illinois law. The information documented may be limited, but if available can include family and medical background information.

PRELIMINARY SEARCH SERVICES FOR ADOPTEES OR BIRTH PARENTS

\$500

The agency will attempt to make contact with the searched-for party using contact information on file. LCFS cannot guarantee that the person will be reached or if reached, will agree to any additional contact. If a connection is made, LCFS will provide guidance and support during the connection process.

Whether you wish to receive your non-identifying information or to have an initial search started for your birth family or for a child placed through this agency, you must provide the following:

- A letter to the agency specifying what you are requesting.
- A photocopy of your driver's license or other photo ID
- A copy of the confirmation letter you receive from the Illinois Adoption Registry verifying registration.
- A check made out to Lutheran Child and Family Services for the appropriate fee.

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