

Oakland County Circuit Court – Family Division, Adoption Services

Requesting Non-Identifying and Identifying Information

Adoption agencies, the Department of Human Services (DHS) and courts may release certain information from adoption records to adult adoptees, former family members and adoptive parents of a minor child. The law divides the information in adoption records into two categories: non-identifying and identifying information. (DHS Pub 439) 7/05

Non-Identifying Information

Adopted adults, direct descendants of a deceased adopted adult, adoptive parents, birth parents and birth siblings may obtain non-identifying information (MCL710.27). An adoptee searching for information about his or her birth family should request non-identifying information.

Generally, the most complete non-identifying information is obtainable from the agency that facilitated the adoption, however, adoption services can assist. Please submit a letter outlining the information sought and your relationship to the adoptee. The forms to obtain non-identifying and identifying information are available through adoption services. We will check the record and make the appropriate referral.

Identifying Information

For a complete explanation of what adoption information is available, please go to www.michigan.gov/documents/FIA-AdoptPub439_12970_7.pdf and print the *Release of Information from Michigan's Adoption Records*.

