

Adoption Search, Contact and Reunion Services

PRE-SEARCH INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE – ADOPTEE

Your Full Name: _____

Your Full Adopted Name (if different): _____

Current Address: _____

Current Phone Numbers:

(Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Number of Years Married: _____

Names of Children and Their Ages: _____

Occupation/Type of Work: _____

Place of Work: _____

Level of Education: _____ Degree/Area of Study: _____

Religion: _____

Hobbies, Interests, Talents, Achievements:

CONFIDENTIALITY:

Your responses to the following questions are confidential and would not be discussed with another party without your knowledge and written permission.

Please answer, in as much detail as possible, the following questions. (Use the backs of pages if you need more space or type all of your responses on separate pages if you prefer).

1) What are your reasons for conducting a search and why have you chosen to initiate it at this time?

2) What are your expectations/hopes/goals for this search?

3) Who in your life is aware of your search and what has their reaction been?

4) If any of your siblings are adopted, have any of them conducted a search for their birth parents? If so, briefly describe the outcome and the impact on your sibling.

5) Briefly describe your childhood and your relationship with your adoptive parents and any siblings. Are there any current unresolved issues with your adoptive family?

6) How was the subject of adoption handled in your adoptive family? (ie. when were you told, were you parents open with you in discussing your adoption, including the reasons why adoption was planned for you, and any background information, did you feel comfortable asking questions about your adoption?)

7) How do you think that being adopted has impacted your relationships, your life and how you feel about yourself? Are there any sensitive areas or issues connected with being adopted that have affected you and/or currently affect you?

8) What effect do you think that contact with your birthparent(s) will have on your relationship with your adoptive family?

9) Briefly describe your personality. Are there currently any significant unresolved problems in your personal life (ie. marital or other family issues, work problems, interpersonal problems, drugs, alcohol, etc.)

10) How do you typically handle stressful situations?

11) Have you ever received counseling/treatment/medication/hospitalization for any emotional, mental, alcohol or substance abuse problems? Are you currently in any kind of treatment for any issues? Please describe.

12) Have you ever been arrested, convicted of a crime and/or incarcerated? If yes, please describe.

13) Have you had, or do you currently have, any physical or medical problems? Please describe.

14) Based on the background information that you received about the circumstances of your placement for adoption, what are your feelings toward your birthparents for making this decision?

15) What kind of person do you expect your birth parent(s) to be?

16) What obstacles or issues do you think might prevent your birth parent(s) from responding positively to your desire for contact?

17) Please discuss what your feelings and reaction might be to the following possible scenarios:

A. Your birth parent declines contact with you and does not want to disclose any of the information you were hoping for?

B. Your birth parent is ill, mentally ill, has had a very difficult life, has a challenging personality and/or is very needy on some level?

C. Your birth parent has not told anyone in their life, including their husband/wife and children, about having placed you for adoption?

D. Your birth parent cannot be located or is deceased?

E. Your birth parent is happy to be found but uncertain about how much contact he/she wants to have or how he/she wants the reunion process to proceed?

F. Your birth parent wants to see you right away and/or wants more contact than you want to have?

18) Please share your feelings about the State of Maryland's requirements:

A. That an intermediary is appointed to provide search services:

B. That you have an interview to discuss your readiness to proceed with the search process:
