

Adoption Search, Contact and Reunion Services

PRE-SEARCH INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE – BIRTHPARENT

Your Full Name: _____

Your Full Name at the Time of the Adoption (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 completely 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) Do you know anyone else who placed a child for adoption and then conducted a search for that person? If so, briefly describe the outcome and the impact on the person who searched.

5) 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.)

6) How do you typically handle stressful situations?

7) 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? If yes, please describe.

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

9) Have you had, or do you currently have, any physical or medical problems? If yes, please describe.

10) Please describe the circumstances of the adoption as you remember them to be.

11) At the time, who in your life knew that you were pregnant and that you placed a child for adoption?

12) Do you feel that the plan for adoption was your decision or do you feel that others were more in control of your decision?

13) How was the pregnancy and adoption handled within your family of origin? Was it ever discussed after the placement?

14) How do you now feel about your original decision to place your child for adoption?

15) How do you think your decision regarding the placement of your child for adoption has impacted your life and relationships? How has it affected how you feel about yourself?

16) What kind of person do you expect your adult child to be?

17) What obstacles or issues do you think might prevent your adult child from responding positively to your desire for contact?

18) How do you think the search or contact will affect your adult child's adoptive family?

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

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

B. Your adult child is ill, has/had an addiction, is mentally ill, has had a very difficult life, has a challenging personality and/or is very needy on some level?

C. Your adult child never knew that he/she was adopted?

D. Your adult child cannot be located or is deceased?

E. Your adult child 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 adult child wants to see you right away and/or wants more contact than you want to have?

19) Please share your feelings about the following State of Maryland requirements:

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

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