

Child and Family Services <b>PROGRAM STANDARDS MANUAL</b>	Section: 570	Effective: Oct 1/88 Revised: Dec 1/99	Page: 1
Subject: <b>POST-ADOPTION SERVICES</b>			

*The Adoption Act* requires the Director to maintain a registry to facilitate sharing of identifying information or personal contact between persons entitled to register. With proclamation of the Act, the registry is now fully active. Searches are now done at the request of adult adoptees, adopted children through their adoptive parents, birth parents, birth siblings, and adoptive parents with the consent of adult adoptees.

Searches are also done at the request of adoptive parents and adult adoptive siblings if the adoptee is deceased.

The Act provides for the release of non-identifying information to persons entitled to register with regard to a person who has filed a disclosure veto providing the person has provided a summary of non-identifying information.

## **STANDARDS**

### **570.1 Non-residents**

For individuals who were involved in a Manitoba adoption but now reside outside the province, the Director provides:

- the opportunity to register with the Post-adoption Registry
- non-identifying information if the records are available to this office, or referral to the appropriate agency having possession of the records
- any short-term counselling necessary to these services

### **570.2 Referrals**

If sensitive information must be shared, then the province/state/country in which the individual resides is asked to provide counselling services.

570.3 **Residents**

Agencies provide post-adoption services to residents in their respective areas in Manitoba. This includes counselling services to all residents notwithstanding where the adoption took place.

570.4 **Sensitivity to impact**

In all post-adoption communication and/or contact, there is sensitivity to the potential emotional impact resulting from registration searches, information sharing and reunions. The worker is sensitive to the feelings and needs of all parties to the adoption.