

## **Pennsylvania Adoption Information Registry (PAIR)**

**1-800-227-0225**

The Pennsylvania Adoption Information Registry, PAIR, is a medical and social history database maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare for adoptees, adoptive parents and birth relatives, including siblings and descendants who would like to share or obtain medical or social history about them or their birth relatives.



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## **Resources for Adoptees and their Birth Families**



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## About the Pennsylvania Adoption Information Registry

Information in the registry for people who were adopted in Pennsylvania comes from adoptees, adoptive parents, birth parents, adoption agencies and the court system.

**Adoptive parents and birth parents** may submit and update medical and social history information to the registry at any time regardless of the age of the adoptee.

**Adoptees, adoptive parents and birth parents** may also authorize identifying information, such as name and address, to be released. They may also withdraw that authorization at any time.



The registry collects information from adoption agencies and the courts that includes:

- **Medical records** and other information about the health of an adoptee or an adoptee's birth family;
- **Information about the birth family** of an adoptee that may include potential hereditary or congenital medical problems;
- **Information about an adoptee and birth relatives** of an adoptee, including economic, cultural and ethnic information and a developmental history of the adoptee.

## Family Contact

**Adoptees and adoptive parents** may decide if they wish to have contact with the birth family, which can include siblings and descendants. Changes or updates to that decision may be made at any time.

**Birth families** may decide if they wish to have contact with the adoptee or adoptive family. Changes or updates to that decision may be made at any time. Birth families, which include siblings and descendants, can request information about the adoptee.

## Updating Registry Information

Forms for requesting, registering or updating information, as well as those for authorizing or withdrawing the release of information or contact, can be found online at:

<http://www.adoptpakids.org/Forms.aspx>.

*These forms must be completed in hard copy and signed by the person providing the information or requesting the change or update.*

## Searching?

**Contact PAIR** to begin your search. If you want to look for an adoptee or a member of your birth family. You may be referred to the Pennsylvania county court where the adoption was finalized. An Authorized Representative can assist you in a comprehensive search and reunion. In Pennsylvania, an Authorized Representative is appointed and trained to conduct adoption related confidential searches.

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