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## POST-ADOPTION SEARCH ASSISTANCE AND FEES

If the adoption was completed through Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, the agency can assist you by providing *non-identifying* information from your file and/or by utilizing agency records to search for another party in the adoption.

**In order to receive information and assistance from LCFS, you must first complete a registration through the Illinois Adoption Registry and Medical Information Exchange (IARMIE) reached at 217-557-5159 [TTY (hearing impaired only) 800-547-0466] or <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/birth-death-other-records/adoption/iarmie>**

***Note: Adoptees must be at least 21 years of age in order to register.***

**After you have registered, please send an email to [Leni.Howard@LCFS.org](mailto:Leni.Howard@LCFS.org) or a letter to the above address, specifying what you are requesting and giving any birth or placement information you have; include a copy of the IARMIE letter verifying your registration and a copy of your driver's license or photo ID.**

**If you want to search for another party in your adoption**, LCFS will access information available in agency records and utilize public name/address sites to search for current contact information, sending a confidential inquiry letter if a possible address is located. If the searched-for party is located, LCFS will connect the parties with both parties' consent. There is a **\$100** fee for this service. LCFS does not have access to professional investigative services and cannot guarantee that the searched-for person will be found or if reached, will agree to establish contact. LCFS will provide guidance and support during the search and connection process.

**For Adoptees: if you want non-identifying information from your agency file**, LCFS will review your file and provide the information to which you are entitled by Illinois law. The information documented may be limited but if available, it can include family and medical background information. There is a **\$300** fee for this service, which includes storage facility fees for file retrieval and return, review of the file, and provision of redacted file information.

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