

ADOPTION PROGRAMS NOTICE REQUIRED BY INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT

Please be advised that Civil Code Section 1798.17 of the Information Practices Act of 1977 requires that any State form or letter used to collect personal or confidential information from individuals must provide certain notices, and that you are entitled to this information.

The name of the agency requesting information is the California Department of Social Services, Adoptions Services Bureau.

The Agency official responsible is the Chief, Children's Services Operations and Evaluation Branch, California Department of Social Services, 744 P Street, M.S. 3-34, Sacramento, California 95814, telephone number (916) 651-8111.

The authority is the California Code of Regulations, Title 22 Division 6, Section 89182.

The information requested is voluntary. In order to complete the adoption process, your participation and cooperation is necessary.

The consequences of not supplying all of the information requested:

If you do not fill these forms out to the best of your ability and/or knowledge, the agency may not be able to accept the child for placement. - OR -

If you do not fill these forms out to the best of your ability and/or knowledge, a child may not be placed with you for the purpose of adoption. - OR -

If you do not fill out these forms to the best of your ability and/or knowledge, the agency may not be able to recommend approval of your adoption petition.

The purpose of the information is to assist the birth parent(s) to make a decision regarding placing the/their child; to determine the suitability of the applicants/petitioners to adopt a child; and to gather background and medical information about the child to be adopted.

In the process of the home study, the information may be shared with licensed public or private social service agencies, courts, authorized government agencies, adoption agencies, county welfare departments or interstate compact states, with your knowledge and authorization to release the information, unless otherwise required by law.

You have the right to personal information concerning yourself contained in the adoption record maintained by this agency. This right does not extend to confidential information such as medical or psychological data.