

New Hampshire Department of State
Division of Vital Records Administration
71 South Fruit Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

ADOPTION SEARCH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Beginning January 1, 2005 adult adopted persons (age 18 or older) born in New Hampshire can obtain a non-certified copy of their original birth certificate from the NH Division of Vital Records Administration. If a birth parent has filled out a Contact Preference Form and Medical History Form and filed them with the NH Division of Vital Records Administration, copies will be issued at the same time. Blank forms can be obtained at the NH Division of Vital Records Administration, 71 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301, or call (603) 271-4650.

If you wish to obtain additional information from your adoption record, the adoption law allows:

Adopted individuals to request non-identifying medical and social information from the agency that finalized their adoption.

Adopted individuals to request a search for their birth parents by the agency that finalized their adoption. That agency would act as the intermediary during the search process and attempt to locate the birth parent and inquire if contact is desired. Identifying information can be released with the consent of both parties.

Adopted individuals who do not know which agency finalized their adoption, or individuals whose adoption was finalized through an attorney, may contact the NH Division For Children, Youth and Families for assistance.

Adoption agencies and phone numbers:

NH Division For Children, Youth and Families (formally known as the NH Division of Welfare) (603) 271-4702 or (800) 852-3345 ext. 4702

Adoptive Families For Children (603) 357-4456

Bethany Christian Services (603) 483-2886

Child and Family Services (603) 668-1920 or (800) 640-6486
(formally known as NH Children's Aid Society)

Creative Advocates For Children (603) 623-5006

LDS Social Services NH Agency (603) 889-0148

Lutheran Social Services of New England (603) 224-8111

NH Adoption Bureau (800) 338-2224

NH Catholic Charities (603) 669-3030 or (800) 562-5249

Vermont Children's Aid Society, Inc. (802) 457-3084

Wide Horizon's for Children, Inc. (603) 672-3000