

Involving the Birth Father

The Child Protection Worker must document all efforts made to identify and where possible, locate the birth father and the birth father's extended family in order to involve them in the adoption planning process.

REFERENCE

Department of Health and Social Services Policy

PURPOSE

- To gather background and identity information from the birth father and/or his extended family.
- To maintain contact or reunite the birth father and child, where appropriate when the child reaches adulthood.

PROCEDURES

1. Contact the birth father, if known, to obtain consent to Permanent Custody for adoption and complete the *Child's Birth Family Medical and Social History form*.
2. Assist the birth mother to complete a *Statutory Declaration of Parentage court document* when the birth father is not able to be contacted or is not identified.
3. Gather a general physical description and any other information on the birth father from the birth mother for inclusion on the adoption record.

FORMS

- Child's Birth Family Medical and Social History

TOOLS

- Child's Birth Family Medical and Social History Guide

COURT DOCUMENTS

- Statutory Declaration of Parentage