

the other triad members' points of view (adoptive parents, birth parents, and adoptee) and are better prepared to meet the challenges and demands that contact with birth relatives entails.

d. Receipt of appropriate fees.

Seeking out another party- The CSS Mutual Consent Adoption Registry is passive in nature. CSS cannot provide extensive searching efforts for another party. Brief attempts will be made *if* there is current contact information on file, or if a registrant provides potential contact information that they have discovered on their own.

When there's a match- CSS does not release any information (prior to registration) as to whether one or the other party is registered. However, when a match occurs, both parties are notified that there has been a mutual registration. The CSS counselor will ask each party whether they are interested in pursuing contact. If both parties are interested, the CSS counselor will outline options available. Before any identifying information can be given, both parties must sign a waiver of confidentiality, in which they state their intention to give up the confidentiality provided under Alaska state law.

3) POST-ADOPTION COUNSELING

Fee: \$75.00 per hour

CSS provides time limited counseling related to search, reunion and adoption issues. This would be available to a birth parent, or any member of the birth parent's family. Birth parents often seek counseling related to telling other children about the relinquished child, or how to work through the delayed grief they may be experiencing over the placement of a child.

4) SINGLE DOCUMENT COPY

Fee: None

Sometimes you may only want a single document copy (such as the relinquishment you signed or the labor & delivery information sheet on your child). Occasionally birth parents need an affidavit related to the relinquishment of their child (for admissions into the armed services, to leave something to a child in a will, etc.)

5) UPDATES (form enclosed with this information)

Fee: None

You may want to update your birth child's file with current medical and social information. CSS provides a form for this purpose (Birth Parent Update). All information on the form is optional and you may indicate whether you wish to release only medical information or social information as well.

If you are requesting a service that requires a fee, please make checks payable to **Catholic Social Services**. Return the forms necessary for the services you are requesting, your verification of identity and your payment to:

Adoption Program
Catholic Social Services
3710 E. 20th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99508