

Adoption Search Resources

Idaho is a closed adoption state which means that identifying information about parties involved in an adoption is not available without consent of the parties or a court order. Idaho does allow for direct court petitioning of adoption records with "good cause" to do so. Petitions must be filed in the county court where the adoption finalization took place.

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

The Child Welfare Information Gateway is a comprehensive internet resource including information on all aspects of adoption, search and reunion.

The Children's Home Society of Idaho (formerly the Idaho Children's Home)

740 Warm Springs Ave.
Boise, ID 83712
(208) 343-7797

The Idaho Children's Home had locations in Boise and Lewiston. Between 1910 and 1968, they processed many of the adoptions in Idaho. They no longer provide adoption services, however their records are held by The Children's Home Society of Idaho. Identifying information will not be released; however non-identifying information may be available for a \$65.00 fee.

Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

Family and Community Services
Attn: Adoptions
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0036
(208) 334-5690

The Idaho Department of Health & Welfare maintains permanent adoption records for children whose adoptions are finalized in the state of Idaho via private or public adoption. Non-identifying information is available to adult adoptees, adoptive parent(s) and birth parent(s). Identifying information may be provided upon written consent of the adoptee and birth parent(s).

[Idaho Voluntary Adoption Registry](#)

Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0036
(208) 334-5990

The Idaho Voluntary Adoption Registry is a mutual consent registry operated by the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare. Adult adoptees, birth parents, biological siblings of adult adoptees and biological relatives of deceased adoptees and deceased birth parents may register. Non-identifying information is not available through the Registry. Registry fee is \$10.00.

[International Soundex Reunion Registry](#)

P.O. Box 371179
Las Vegas, NV 89137
(775) 882-7755 or (888) 886-ISRR

The world's largest reunion registry is a free service. Donations are requested

Lutheran Social Services

210 W. Sprague Ave.
Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 343-5002 or (509) 747-8224

115 N.E. 100th Street, Ste. 200
Seattle, WA 98125-8099

Lutheran Social Services has provided adoption services in Idaho.

Salvation Army/Booth Maternity Home

The Salvation Army
USA Western Territory
180 E. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 436-7000
(800) 698-7728

Loise.Sellars@usw.salvationarmy.org

Limited information from the records of former maternity homes and hospitals can be made available to birth mothers and children born at Booth with documentation of their identity. The Salvation Army never served as an adoption agency. Mothers were referred to an agency of their choice and worked with these agencies independently of Booth Maternity Homes. Records which may be available include: reunion registry, non-identifying information, counseling and referral and confidential search to locate birth mothers.

Search-Finders of Idaho

P.O. Box 7941
Boise, ID 83707
(208) 375-9803
lowight@msn.com

Search-Finders of Idaho, Inc. is a non-profit search and support group for adult adoptees, birth parents, adoptive parents and others searching for relatives. They host monthly meetings in Boise.