

Holt International Children's Services Statement of Support on Open Records

Holt International Children's Services supports access by adoptees and birth parents to identifying information about each other.

Adoptees and birth parents should have access to identifying information about each other through any of the following methods:

- The original birth certificate
- Passive registry
- Assisted search process through a state licensed intermediary
- Opening sealed adoption records

Holt International supports the right of both adoptees and birth parents to express their wishes to each other regarding contact, and believes this option gives those who feel powerless a voice. We encourage both adoptees and their birth parents to express their preferences regarding contact.

Holt International respects and abides by the laws of the countries where we have programs, and in and the policies of our overseas partner agencies. We recognize that laws governing Holt International, both in the U.S. and abroad, may not permit the opening of the sealed adoption records, or other methods of access to identifying information that we support.

Holt International Children's Services is committed both in spirit and action to positive adoption reform, and works proactively to support the opening of adoption records.