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Position Statement

Adopted Persons' Right to Access Original Birth Certificates

It is ODS Adoption Community of New England's position that adopted persons should have access to their original birth certificates.

We believe that:

- Adopted persons have the same right to their identity as all other persons;
- To deny adopted persons copies of their original birth certificates is to deny their civil and human rights;
- Adopted persons should be able to achieve the personal validation that comes from accessing their original birth certificates;

This statement is exclusively about access to original birth certificates; it is not about general access to adoption records.