

(F) "LOCAL DEPARTMENT" MEANS A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR A COUNTY.

(G) "NATURAL FATHER" MEANS A MAN WHO:

(1) WAS MARRIED TO THE ADOPTEE'S NATURAL MOTHER AT THE TIME OF CONCEPTION;

(2) WAS MARRIED TO THE ADOPTEE'S NATURAL MOTHER AT THE TIME OF THE ADOPTEE'S BIRTH;

(3) WAS NAMED AS THE FATHER ON THE ADOPTEE'S PRE-ADOPTION BIRTH CERTIFICATE, UNLESS THE MAN HAS SIGNED A DENIAL OF PATERNITY OR HIS NONPATERNITY HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY A COURT;

(4) WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE NATURAL MOTHER AS THE FATHER OF THE ADOPTEE, UNLESS THE MAN HAS SIGNED A DENIAL OF PATERNITY OR HIS NONPATERNITY HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY A COURT;

(5) HAS BEEN ADJUDICATED TO BE THE FATHER OF THE ADOPTEE; OR

(6) HAS ACKNOWLEDGED HIMSELF ORALLY OR IN WRITING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE ADOPTEE.

(H) "REGISTRY" MEANS THE MUTUAL CONSENT VOLUNTARY ADOPTION REGISTRY.

(I) "NATURAL SIBLING" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD AND SHARES 1 OR BOTH NATURAL PARENTS WITH AN ADOPTEE.

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO:

(1) ESTABLISH WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION A MUTUAL CONSENT VOLUNTARY ADOPTION REGISTRY WHERE NATURAL PARENTS, ADOPTEES, AND NATURAL SIBLINGS MAY REGISTER IF THEY WISH TO HAVE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION RELEASED TO EACH OTHER; AND

(2) PROVIDE FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION TO NATURAL PARENTS, ADOPTEES, AND NATURAL SIBLINGS WHO HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE MUTUAL CONSENT VOLUNTARY ADOPTION REGISTRY.

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(A) THE DIRECTOR SHALL:

(1) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A MUTUAL CONSENT VOLUNTARY ADOPTION REGISTRY;