

KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
FAMILY COURT SERVICES
ADOPTION SERVICES

Confirmation of Consents for Independent Adoption Cases

Before noting your case for final hearing (requires 14 days notice) you are required to refer your case to the King County Superior Court, Family Court Services, Adoption Unit. An adoption social worker will “verify the voluntariness of the consents given and make a recommendation to the court on termination and temporary custody issues” according to Local Rule 93.04 (g), which has been in effect since September of 2006:

Confirmation of Consent. Except where legal custody of the adoptee is held by a licensed child placing agency, King County Family Court Services shall investigate and provide to the Court a report confirming the voluntariness of any consent to relinquish parental rights. No consent to relinquish parental rights shall be approved until the Court has received a report complying with this rule. The petitioner or Adoption Facilitator shall immediately notify the Adoption Service that a Consent to Relinquish Parental Rights of Consent to Adoption is anticipated and that a Confirmation of Consent report will be required.

There is a maximum fee for this service of \$500.00; however, if the social worker time spent on the case is less than three hours, fees will be assessed at \$150.00 per hour (fees are in accordance with King County Ordinance 10643). Attorneys need to advise their clients of this required step in the adoption process and that there are fees involved. For In-Home and Stepparent adoptions please make referral a minimum of 30 days before anticipated date of the hearing.

The most expeditious way to have an adoption social worker assigned to your case is to forward the following documentation to King County Adoption Services, 516 – 3rd Ave, Rm W-280, Seattle, WA 98104:

- Write your own cover letter addressed to King County Adoption Services, explicitly requesting assignment of social worker to complete a Confirmation of Consent Report for the adoption case. Include the name(s) of the relinquishing parent(s) who have signed the consent form, the case (adoptee) name, and the case number. The Petitioner (or attorney) must sign and date the cover letter.
- Client Financial Responsibility Statement
- Copy of Petition for Adoption
- Adoption Service Notification Form, including complete addresses and telephone numbers for relinquishing parents
- Copies of parent(s)' consents
- Copies of current Pre Placement report, previous Pre Placement reports and update (if applicable) and/or the Post Placement Report.
- Medical Report for Child (for newborn infant only)
- Documentation of compliance with Indian Child Welfare Act if applicable
- Declaration and Order Authorizing Financial Assistance if applicable

NOTE: Pre and/or Post Placement Report(s) must indicate that current FBI fingerprint check(s), Child Abuse & Neglect check(s) (current within 2 years except for Step Parent/Second Parent Adoptions), WATCH check(s) (current within 6 months), medical report(s) of petitioner(s) and financial declaration of petitioner(s) (all within 2 years) are current and have been verified by the social worker/home study report and the same has been filed. See RCW 26.33.190 (3) as amended by ESSB 5447, Laws 2007.

On legal file review before final hearing, it will be noted on the court calendar if the case was not referred for the confirmation process, and you will be notified of this notation by phone prior to the hearing.

**FAMILY COURT SERVICES - ADOPTIONS
CLIENT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

There is a fee for the social worker's involvement in confirming the consent of birth parent(s) and/or adoptee(s) (whether the adoption continues to finalization or not). If your case takes under three hours of the social worker's time, the fee will be \$150.00 per hour. Over three hours is billed at a flat fee of \$500.00 (Maximum Fee is \$500).

You will receive a case closure letter from Family Court Services (FCS) notifying you of the exact fee and time spent. Accordingly, a separate billing statement will be forwarded to you by the Office of Financial Management (OFM). Please submit payment at that time to OFM. The fee can be made in two payments if you choose. PLEASE DO NOT REMIT PAYMENT TO FAMILY COURT SERVICES.

In addition, if the case requires an interpreter, any costs for their interpretive services are to be borne by the petitioners.

I acknowledge that I have read the above statements. I am aware that I am responsible for any fees associated with the involvement of the FCS adoptions social worker.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Petitioner(s):

Signature

Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Date: _____

Pet. Phone: _____

Pet. Address:

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR KING COUNTY**

IN RE THE ADOPTION OF:

NO.

a person under the age of eighteen

**ADOPTION SERVICE
NOTIFICATION FORM**

1. Petitioner(s):

Address:

Telephone(s):

Age:

2. Attorney:

Address:

Telephone(s):

3. Homestudy Preparer:

Address:

Telephone(s):

4. Social Worker:

Address:

Telephone(s):

5. Birth Mother:

Address:

Telephone(s):

Age:

6. **Birth Father:**

Address:

Telephone(s):

Age:

7. **Adoptee:**

Address:

Telephone(s):

Age: