

I am a birth mother in reunion with my birth daughter born in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1972. Fortunately when Cindy sought her birth records many years ago she did receive her adoption records. The birth certificate did have birth parents name blacked out. However somewhere in the file she found my last name. Prior to giving Cindy up for adoption, the Social Worker had me complete a questionnaire about myself. I was 16yrs old at the time. The questions I answered provided Cindy with a feeling of knowing things about her mother she never thought would come to be. General questions such as things I liked to do, favorite food, did I have pets etc. In the questionnaire I had mentioned that her father and I had wanted to get married. We were so young. One can only imagine the joy she felt as she read what I had written. She started searching for me but hadn't been successful until sending her adoption story to Long Lost Family. TV show that helps adoptees find their birth family.

Because Cindy had her adoption file with some information about her birth parents it helped Long Lost Family find me and her birth father. This all happened as a result of DNA.

With the technology of DNA it is becoming more common that adoptees are finding their birth families. There is no reason for the State of Connecticut to not pass this bill to allow adult adoptees access to their birth and adoption records if they so choose.

Please support this bill and vote to pass. The adoptee deserves to know how they came to be in this world and. More importantly know who they are.

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