

To all:

Please support and pass SB 113.

Basically, every person deserves to know where they are from and their birth facts.

Frankly, 'all the adoption triad' members deserve to know all the adoption facts. Adoptees, adoptive parents, and birth parents/ birth siblings deserve to know where their child went?

I say this as I am writing from Oregon. Oregon opened our OBC's to adoptees in 1999. The sky did not fall.

Then, in 2014, Oregon opened the adoption and birth files to 'birthparents. This also allows siblings and grandparents to know what happened to the surrendered child. And, the sky did not fall.

Today is 2020 and we have had 6 years of giving Original Birth Certificates and files to adoptees, birth families.

What research did Oregon do before passages?

1. We found that not one state has an 'open adoption' contract that is legal or binding.
2. No birthparent was ever legally promised to be hidden. This is a myth.
3. Birthparents and siblings do want to be found. Even if there was a rape? Yes, I am a raped birthmother and wanted to know where my child was and what happened to him? !! NO SECRETS and NO LIES. When there are secrets and lies, medical history, cultural history, and basic facts get mixed up and can be damaging. All medical birth records need to be open. Think about it. If a mother has a 9 lbs baby, chances are, her children will have 9 lbs babies. Mothers need to know this information. (same if there was a prenatal baby born)
4. The REAL birth DATE needs to be on the documents.

For your state to continue to block information seems archaic, impractical, and unethical. Become a forward thinking state and support SB 113.

Last but not least, all states will be needing EXTENDED BIRTH CERTIFICATES:

1. List the DONOR Parents A/ B and the DONOR NUMBER/Place ..EMBRYO NUMBER
2. List the BIOLOGICAL Parents A/B
3. List the ADOPTIVE Parents A/B

Appreciate your attention

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Son -Found Birthmother in 1991

Married 38 yrs / widow

Grandmother and in relationship with son

My other 2 children support knowing a sibling

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