

If you adopted a child after July 1, 1994 or you were adopted after July 1, 1994:

- In parental placement adoptions, where the consent to the adoption was executed on or **after July 1, 1994**, the adult adoptee may view the entire adoption record. However, any criminal record checks for the adoptive parent(s) which show a criminal record conviction cannot be released.
- In parental placement adoptions, where the consent to the adoption was executed on or **after July 1, 1994**, the adoptive parent(s) may view the entire record.
- For adoptions finalized on or **after July 1, 1994**, the adoptive parent of a minor child may apply to the Virginia Department of Social Services for identifying information on the birth family, such as names and addresses. Good cause must be shown for the release of this information. Good cause means consent of the birth family member on whom the identifying information is being sought.
- For adoptions finalized on or **after July 1, 1994**, when the adult adoptee is 21 years of age or older, the adult birth sibling may apply to the Virginia Department of Social Services for identifying information on the adoptee, such as his/her current name and address. Good cause must be shown for the release of this information. Good cause means consent of the adult adoptee for release of the identifying information.
- For adoptions finalized on or **after July 1, 1994**, when the adult adoptee is 21 years of age or older, the birth parent(s) may apply to the Virginia Department of Social Services for identifying information on the adoptee, such as his/her current name and address. Good cause must be shown for the release of this information. Good cause means consent of the adoptee on whom identifying information is being sought.