



INDIANA ADOPTION PROGRAM INFORMED CONSENT FOR RECRUITMENT

State Form 54901 (R4 / 9-19)
DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES

INSTRUCTIONS: The Family Case Manager (FCM) will provide and review the information in this form with the youth (age fourteen (14) and older) and assist the youth in completing the Consent for Recruitment form. The youth will initial next to those activities in which he/she wishes to participate.

I am willing to participate in the adoption recruitment process.

I am willing to have DCS feature my photo / video and a brief description about me:

In the "Opening Hearts. Changing Lives" Adoption **Picture Book**;

In the "Power of Children" gallery;

On adoption recruitment sites on the internet; and/or

On social media sites for the purpose of adoption recruiting.

Some DCS adoption recruitment events have TV cameras, newspaper reporters, and/or photographers present. I understand that if I agree to one or more of the items in this section, my information may appear on TV or in the newspaper. At these kinds of events I would be willing to:

Have my photo / video and a brief description about me featured at adoption recruitment events;

Speak in front of an audience;

Some adoption recruitment efforts are with families that have obtained a recommendation to adopt:

I am willing to attend **Meet and Greet** opportunities hosted by the Indiana Adoption Program.

I am willing to allow my photo and personal information to be shared on the secure adoption database portal.

I am not willing to participate in any way in the adoption recruitment process at this time.

I have read and understand the meaning of this consent. I understand none of my personal and confidential information will be shared publicly without my permission. I understand that if I change my mind about any of the above things, I must tell my Family Case Manager (FCM) and he/she and I will change this consent to reflect my wishes.

Signature of youth

Date (month, day, year)

Signature of witness

Date (month, day, year)

Signature of Family Case Manager (FCM)

Date (month, day, year)

Signature of Family Case Manager Supervisor (FCMS)

Date (month, day, year)

What am I consenting to when I sign this form?

Printed Materials: One example of printed materials is the Adoption Picture Book, a magazine that is published every two months. The youth pictured in this book are children from Indiana that are waiting for adoptive homes. Your picture and a short paragraph that talks about you, including your hobbies, interests, and activities that you enjoy will be added to the book. Individuals who are interested in expanding their families through adoption view this book to learn about the youth that want to be adopted.

Online Materials: Indiana can feature profiles of youth who are seeking families on a website or an app. This would be like an online version of the Adoption Picture Book. Your picture and some brief information about you are posted online, and families wanting to adopt can visit the website to learn more about the children waiting for homes. You can view the website by going to www.adoptachild.in.gov and clicking on the link listed on that page.

Social Media: Indiana uses social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram to share information about the Indiana Department of Child Services. These help others to know what is happening within the agency and to learn about youth who are interested in being adopted. By providing consent, your profile may be shared on social media sites, and shared with people that may be interested in adopting a child.

Traditional Media: Sometimes newspapers, magazines, radio stations, or television stations will ask if you would like to be featured in one of their stories. If you would be comfortable participating, you and your team would work with a reporter on this feature.

Video / Audio Features: Videos / audio clips can be used to help find a family. If you are asked to do a video / audio clip, it will feature you as the star, but could also include people in your life who are important to you. You may want to talk about things that you enjoy, what you hope and dream for your future, and what you would like to have in an adoptive family. The video / audio will then be posted with your picture and profile so that families can learn even more information about you and your wishes.

Event Materials / Power of Children Display: Events are held throughout the state to share information about adoption services in Indiana. They often use pictures and information about children in need of families with people that may attend the events. The locations of such events may include churches, libraries, museums, and other public places. The purpose is to make people aware that there are many youth who are waiting on forever homes. If your picture and information are used in a traveling event, it is possible that someone might see your picture and recognize you. It is also possible that a photographer, news reporter, or TV crew may take pictures or video that may appear on television or in the newspaper. The Power of Children display features pictures and profiles of children that are waiting for forever families in public locations such as the Indianapolis Children's Museum.

Family Meetings: Families that want to adopt, may attend meetings to learn more about the adoption process and learn about youth who are seeking families. Your information may be presented at these meetings. Information may be shared about your interests and the type of family that you think may be best for you. Sometimes, youth waiting for families may want to come and talk with families and this would be an opportunity to do that.

Meet and Greet Events: These events are parties hosted by the Indiana Adoption Program. Fun activities are planned for youth and families that are interested in adoption. It is an opportunity to attend a party, interact with people that have similar desires, and to have a good time.

Secure Adoption Database Portal: The secure adoption database portal has been developed to share information with families that have an approved home study and have obtained a recommendation to adopt. The portal will have your picture, a short bio, and your child summary document. The portal is password protected and in order for adoption recommended individuals to gain access to the portal, they must agree to abide by the DCS confidentiality agreement that states that information that is accessed cannot be shared or disclosed, and doing so would be a violation of Indiana law.