

WISCONSIN'S FIRST BIRTHPARENT PERIODICAL

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A LAW IS BEING INTRODUCED IN THE WISCONSIN SENATE PERTAINING TO ADULT ADOPTEE'S RIGHTS AND ENLARGING OF BIRTHPARENTS RIGHTS JAN. 1981 BY SEN. MIKE FERRALL OF RACINE CO. PERSONS INTERESTED MAY CONTACT HIM FOR MORE INFORMATION BY WRITING TO HIM AT THE ADDRESS LISTED HERE:

MIKE FERRALL  
CAPITOL RM. 112 WEST  
MADISON, WISC.

A LOT OF BIRTHPARENTS TODAY WITH HOPES OF NOT EVER BEING FOUND AND NO INFORMATION EVER GIVEN OUT ON THEM ARE RELINQUISHING THEIR CHILDREN THRU WISCONSIN DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES. THIS ADOPTION AGENCY CAN VIRTUALLY ASSURE YOU THAT "NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW" AND THERE, TOO, YOU WILL PROBABLY FIND THE WAITING LIST OF COUPLES HOPING TO ADOPT ARE THE LONGEST. ALSO, IN LATER YEARS THERE ADOPTED ADULT CHILDREN WILL GET NO HELP OR INFORMATION FROM THIS AGENCY EITHER. STATISTICS SHOW THAT MOST ADOPTED WHEN OLDER DO WANT TO LOOK FOR THEIR NATURAL PARENTS. THIS IS CERTAINLY A DEFEAT FOR ALL OF US WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD AND HAVE EXPONDED SO OPENLY ON REFORMS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ADOPTION ARENA.

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A SURE SIGN OF FALL AND WINTER IS ON IT'S WAY  
IS GEESE FLYING SOUTH ON A CLEAR OCTOBER DAY

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do YOU HAVE A PERSONAL PROBLEM OR VIEWPOINT NOT APPEARING SO FAR IN OUR NEWSLETTER WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE? WE'RE INTERESTED IN ANY PROBLEM WITH YOUR AGENCY, FOR INSTANCE, OR ACCEPTANCE OF BIRTHPARENTHOOD, PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE. SOME SOLUTIONS YOU HAVE GAINED THRU COUNSELING MAY HELP SOMEONE ELSE, OR THEIRS MAY HELP YOU.

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A SEARCH ORGANIZATION, NON-PROFIT, IS O.A.S.I.S. THAT'S ORGANIZED ADOPTION SEARCH INFORMATION SERVICES. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE WRITE:

O.A.S.I.S.  
Box: 53-0761  
Miami Shores, Fla.  
33153

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iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.....  
Providence 27;17

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this month marks the end of wisconsin Concerned United Birthparents in Wisconsin. I am associated with C.U.B only as a member.

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PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR EDITOR TO KEEP ON TOP OF ALL THE LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS. IF YOU MOVE, BE SURE TO SEND ME YOUR NEWADDRESS SO THAT WE MAY KEEP AN ACTIVATED LINK WITH EACH OTHER AND SO THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF ONE ANOTHER.....EDITOR.....

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SEE "WISCONSIN'S FIRST" for any legal forms you may need to help convince your agency where you relinquished that you mean business.

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# CONCERNED UNITED BIRTHPARENTS, INC.

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Green Bay, Wisconsin

Crisis Center  
929 Cass St.  
Green Bay, Wisconsin

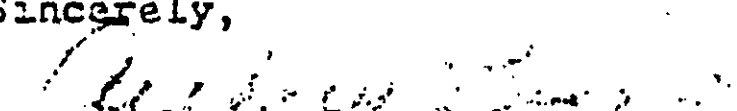
Dear Ma'm,

Regretably, we have such things as birthparent just someplace else; but right here in Green Bay. Like any other event in a person's life, some are not so pleasant. When a birthparent realized that, perhaps it was not the right thing to do regrets set in and for the first time she is sorry that she signed her children away for all time. Maybe no one explains to her that she has signed away her child/ren forever. It is often the very young person this happens to. So what does that person do when she realizes that her child is gone forever and she has no one she can relate to or understand what she is going thru? That's right. No one.

Concerned United Birthparents offers hope to the sorrowful person who has no one else to turn to for understanding. Here, there are persons like herself who try to understand; who offer a shoulder to cry on who try to explore the feelings she had then and the ones she has now. It is very often the underage girl, one with no previous experience in these matters, this happens to. These girls have to deal with the confusing emotions of not knowing who or why she signed away her parental rights. She has to deal with the inadequate feelings she has with herself. We are here for just that person and for just that reason. At Christmas these things are felt by us more than at any other time of year.

Please refer all people to us that have expressed sorrow at having relinquished a child for adoption. She will be received warmly by a group of caring people like herself.

Sincerely,

  
Audrey Besaw  
Box 3604, Green Bay, Wisconsin



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CONGRESSMAN TOBY ROTH IN HIS RECENT LETTER TO ME HAS INDICATED THERE ARE PRESENTLY TWO BILLS BEFORE THE CONGRESS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO BIRTHPARENTS AND ADULT ADOPTEES.

HR 318 is a bill to establish a national adoption information exchange system.

S 2561 The adoption Identification Act of 1980

HR 318 has been referred to the Subcommittee on Select Education and is pending further action. S 2561 was referred in April to the Subcommittee on Child and Human Development. As these above are federal laws being developed, any interested person, not just from Wisconsin can write their Congressman about them.

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FOR THE MOTHER WHO YIELDED HER CHILD (CHILDREN) UP FOR ADOPTION If your child is now in search, and at the age of majority, the first place they seek to search is usually the town and area of their birth, or the town and area of your birth, or your town of usual residence, if it is known to them. To enable them to establish contact with you with a minimum of searching, the following is recommended. The name you used at the time of their birth, and/or your name at the time of surrender or both if different, can be published in the present telephone directories of those towns with your ~~present~~ telephone number, including your area code. Addresses do not have to be listed. This may be arranged through your local service representative at your local telephone office.

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THEY PEELED THE BELLS MORE LOUD AND DEEP  
GOD IS NOT DEAD, NOR DOES HE SLEEP.  
THE WRONG SHALL FAIL, THE RIGHT PREVAIL  
WITH PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN.  
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SUGGESTED READING SUGGESTED READING

IN SEARCH OF ORIGINS.....BY Dr. John Triselotti  
THE SEARCH FOR ANNA FISCHER.....BY Florence Fischer  
SHARED FATE.....BYH. David Kirk  
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THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD.....author unknown.....  
in this instance, the pen being the printed word, the typewriter, the copier, the transcriber,.....our efforts to be more open have been rewarded with the acceptance the public is given to the plight of the adult adoptee wanting to know his/her origins, and the birthparent wanting to know where and who her birthchild is. Thank you, media and television programming for presenting our problems with a sensitive presentation.  
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For the new year, to keep this periodical coming to you, be sure to get your donations to me in the mail early. I don't like to interrupt your newsletter from coming, but you must pay for the individual cost of printing and mailing. When the next issue arrives, it will be the new year!  
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Flash! ALMA's Florence Fisher will be a guest on C.B.S. "That's My Line", Jan. '81 - Watch for it! That's all for this month  
Have a joyous New Year!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"IF SOCIETY GIVES SOME PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO RESTRUCTURE SOME CHILDREN'S LIVES, THEN CERTAINLY WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO TRY AND RESTRUCTURE OUR LIVES".....AUDREY BESAW..  
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A new search group being developed in central Wisconsin which any birthparent or adult adoptee may want to look into is A.I.D. Adoption Information Direction. One of the participants there is Mary Tryba, a birthparent, has offered her help to searchers. Mary says they have presented to the Wisconsin Legislature the "open records" proposal for consideration which hopefully will be acted on this month, January. It sounds to me this year is off to a fantastic already, by this revelation alone. Thanks so much to a courageous few who are leading in the right direction. If you can offer support on this or any other legislative effort call them at 608-847-5563.  
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WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO RESHAPE OUR THINKING TO COMPLY WITH SOCIETIES DEMANDS AND REQUIREMENTS, OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS AND SHOULD BE TO TRY AND MEET THE NEEDS OF "the least of these, my brethren," AND NOT TO MAINTAIN A SOCIAL SYSTEM THAT IS NOT ANSWERABLE TO THESE NEEDS. A lot of you birthparents and adoptees too have asked if we have a group started. For that, we need people. If any of you are interested in getting group meetings started, please call me or write. We will be able to get free meeting notices and announcements. Three is a group, but four or more is better.  
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IN REMEMBERING.....JOAN I. has surrendered a child for adoption in this month nineteen years ago. Audrey B. has surrendered a child for adoption 21 years ago on this date, Jan. 24th, 1960. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
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TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF PURPOSE, KEEP AN ACTIVATED LINK WITH ANOTHER BIRTHPARENT TODAY. A PURPOSEFUL PERSON IS A BUSY AND HAPPY PERSON.  
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I am participating in a phone response study developed by the Triadoption League for justic the Triadoption Library. So you can fill up my response from for the month of January by calling me and letting me know how you are doing. All calls and responses are kept confidential. Audrey

MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY.....PHIL.4:19

That's all for now, take care, let me hear from you.....see you next month thru this column.....

*Added to Reunion  
- to Birthparent Group  
4/81*

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WANT a reunion registry form to send onto Internationalreunion Registry, write me and ask. Send \$1.00 to cover the cost of printing and handling and mailing.

THE WISCONSIN DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IS STUDYING THE OPEN CONCEPTS OF ADOPTION. FOR THE FIRST TIME A BIRTHMOTHER MEETING PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE COUPLES AND THEY WILL BE MEETING HER FOR THE FIRST TIME ALSO. HOPEFULLY, THE "open concepts" will be introduced into the other adoption agencies as well.

There is a socialworker at one of the local adoption agencies who will assist you with getting information if you have relinquished a child/ren thru this agency or have been adopted thru this agency. THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SERVICES have been a frontrunner in the openness concept and we hope with the openness displayed by this agency will catch on persons thus affected will be helped by their courtesness and sensifivity.  
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A SPECIAL VALENTINE TO ALL THOSE PERSONS SEARCHING THEIR LOVED ONES SEPARATED BY ADOPTION ACROSS THE COUNTRY. HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL ADOPTEES FROM YOUR NATURAL MOM AND POP WHEREEVER THEY MAY BE.....Audrey....  
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THE "Open Records" Law proposal will be introduced into our Wisconsin legislature in approximately 6 to 8 weeks. Let's everyone of you write and offer our support to our director of Adoption Aid and Direction, Box: 5397 Madison, Wisconsin. 53704  
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If you want your trusting heart,  
Hardened by revulsion  
get betrayed by social thieves  
Who work for child adoptions.

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HATS OFF! Ginny Whitehouse has met and had a reunion with her birthfather this month.

Federal funds should be withdrawn from all adoption agencies that do not dispense help to the birthparent as well as adoptive families. Federal fund should be withdrawn from all adoption agencies who ignore the needs of adult adoptees who ask for information on their naturalpparnets and social workers who ignore these requests should immediately be replaced. Human needs services and their deployment is fast becoming a crucial issue and it would be interesting to hear the feedback on this.....  
.....editor.....

SUGGESTED READING

"HOW TO" Books, Books that tell searching histories and other documentation, Books that compile data for research, Books on Poetry Books for your reading pleasure and comfort. Partial list:

- DEAR DAUGHTER by Kathy Wudel, 1980, ARA P. O. Box 304, Montrose, CA. 91020. Ppbk-\$5.00. A personal book of poetry of faith, love and life.
- BIRTHMARK by Lorraine Dusky, 1979, M. Evans and Co. 216 E. 49th St., NY. Hardcover - \$8.95 A Birthmothers honest story of pregnancy, surrender and after."
- FINDING MY FATHER by Rod McKuen, 1975, Coward, McCann and Geoghegan Berkeley Pub. 200Madison Av., N.Y., N. Y. 10016

That's all for now let me hear from you, hear! **631**









