



FOSTER & ADOPTIVE CARE COALITION FOR EVERY CHILD... A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Diligent Search for Dads Consent

Program Overview:

The purpose of Diligent Search for Dads is to notify named fathers of their child's status in foster care as required by the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act (2008) and the Missouri Child Welfare Manual. To meet these requirements, a representative of the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition will conduct a diligent search to locate the named father (listed below) by utilizing online resources and phone calls/visits with potential associates. Minimal information will be shared with associates in an effort to locate the named father. Upon contact with the father, the representative of the Coalition will inform him that he has been named as the father of a child in foster care and a letter from the family court or case management agency will be given to him. Contact may take place over the phone, in person, and/or by certified mail.

Upon case closure, the case manager and/or Deputy Juvenile Officer will be provided with a closing summary detailing all efforts made.

General Information:

The Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition is a private, non-profit agency. All services provided by the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition are voluntary services and may be declined.

Records & Disclosure of Confidential Information:

The Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition maintains records of services provided to each client and family. These records are confidential; however, information collected will be shared with the Children's Division, contractors, and court professionals.

Diligent Search for Dads services are provided free of charge and are funded through the United Way. The Council on Accreditation (COA) may have access to records solely for the purpose of accreditation or reaccreditation.

Certain information may be released without explicit authorization under the following legal circumstances:

- The receipt of a legitimate subpoena or court order, as outlined by Missouri State Law
- In the event of a medical emergency
- The receipt of information that suggests child abuse or neglect has occurred; Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition employees are mandated to report any such information to the Children's Division
- In the event of threat of harm to someone; if that threat is perceived to be serious, the proper individuals must be contacted

Grievance Procedure:

If a client or legal guardian is dissatisfied with the Diligent Search for Dads services, or believes there has been a violation of client confidentiality, please contact the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition, 314.367.8373, to discuss the situation with Denise Kelley, Director of Programs, or Melanie Scheetz, Executive Director.

Consent to Services:

I have been provided a copy of this consent by the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition. I have read and understand the information provided. I agree to participate, and consent to services for locating and contacting

(Named Father)

Case Manager/DJO Name

Case Manager/DJO Name Signature

Date



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