

Adoption has a lifelong impact on the triad -- those who are adopted, those who have relinquished children for adoption, and those who have adopted children.

Adoption Circle of Hawai'i (ACH) is a volunteer-run organization that provides information, advocacy, and support to the adoption triad and educates the community about the adoption experience.

We are a grassroots organization composed of triad members and professionals who believe that **truth in adoption best serves the needs of all involved.**

We have lived the experience of adoption.

“In all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know our heritage, to know who we are and where we come from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness, and a most disquieting loneliness.”

~ Alex Haley

Adoption Circle of Hawai'i provides these free services:

- **Support**
- **Information and referral** (including about DNA and Hawaii's 2016 adoption records law – Act 80)
- **Search tips**
- **Education**
- **Advocacy**
- **Phone line**
- Support the International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR), **the world's largest mutual consent registry.**
- **Collaboration with national and local organizations** such as, Korean Adoptees of Hawai'i (KAHI).

Adoption Circle of Hawai'i relies solely upon volunteers and donations to continue serving the community. We gratefully welcome your support of our efforts via donations. Mahalo!

If you are interested in receiving more information:

Please email us or complete the following and return to us:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to adoption (adoptee, birth parent, adoptive parent, professional, other)

We can be reached at

P.O. Box 10304
Honolulu, HI 96816-0304

(808) 989-7071

Web: **adoptioncirclehawaii.org**

Email: **info@adoptioncirclehawaii.org**

"I don't know where I would be today without Adoption Circle of Hawai'i. The group instilled in me an understanding of how adoption had impacted my life and gave me the courage to look for my birth family in spite of my fears."

~ Jan Takane, Adoptee

"I have been an active member of Adoption Circle of Hawai'i for over 20 years. The support I have received from all members of the triad, for both positive experiences and difficult issues, are very much appreciated. Reconnecting with family members is a very emotional experience; having a strong support system with others who have had similar experiences is extremely helpful."

~ Rhonda M., Birth Mother

We have been part of Adoption Circle of Hawai'i (ACH) for over 15 years. ACH means to us...

A: Awareness... we continue to learn and become more aware of the issues that surround adoption.

C: Compassion and comfort from the non-judgmental support we have received.

H: Holistic... looking at adoption holistically gives us a larger perspective and reminds us there is still much work to do to dispel myths and assumptions.

~ Harry & Doreen A., Adoptive Parents

Act 80: New Hawai'i Adoption Record Law

Since June 23, 2016, **all triad members may request access to sealed adoption records held by Family Court when the person who was adopted in Hawai'i is at least 18 years old.** These records contain information about the parties to the adoption, court documents, and the adoptee's original birth certificate.

Request your records from Family Court, using their forms and instructions found at www.courts.state.hi.us/docs/1FP/1FP770.pdf or at their office. Make your request to the Family Court in the district that the adoption took place. Instructions are at www.courts.state.hi.us/docs/1FP/1FP767.pdf

You must have your form **notarized** if you are mailing it in. If you deliver the request form in person, you must have a picture ID to verify your identity. You will have to pay a copying fee for your copy of the records.

Here are the **Family Court addresses:**

Adoption Records – **O'ahu**
First Circuit Court, Family Court
Kapolei Judiciary Complex
4675 Kapolei Pkwy, Kapolei HI 96707-3272
Phone: (808) 954-8145

Adoption Records -- **Maui**
Family Court, 2nd Circuit
2145 Main Street, Suite 206
Wailuku, Maui, HI 96793-1679
Phone: (808) 553-3397

Adoption Records -- **Hawai'i**
Family Court, 3rd Circuit
345 Kekuanaoa Street, Room 40
Hilo, HI 96720-4388
Phone: (808) 961-7670

Adoption Records – **Kaua'i**
Family Court, 5th Circuit
3970 Ka'ana Street, Suite 305
Lihue, Kaua'i, HI 96766-1283
Phone: (808) 482-2350



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