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Response:

Ontario's legislative framework for adoption disclosure strives to strike a balance between the interests of birth parents, adopted persons, and adoptive parents by providing access to information relating to an adoption while also safeguarding the privacy of those involved in past adoptions. The *Children, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017* (CYFSA) and its regulations set out the conditions for adoption disclosure and the *Vital Statistics Act* sets the conditions for adoption disclosure services of identifying information.

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services is launching the five-year review of the CYFSA. Through the review, the ministry will seek to ensure that the Act continues to promote the best interests, protection, and well-being of children, youth, and their families living in Ontario.

As part of the CYFSA review, the ministry is seeking input from the public about their experiences accessing and receiving services governed under the CYFSA. Input received will inform potential future changes to the Act as well as ongoing initiatives to further improve the experiences and outcomes for children, youth and their families. We look forward to hearing from Ontarians as we conduct the review. More information about how to participate in the review will be made available in the coming months.

Sincerely,



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