



**International
Social Service**
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Intercountry Adoption Tracing and Reunification Service

International Social Service (ISS) Australia is an independent, national not-for-profit organisation with over 50 years' experience defending children's rights and connecting families across the world.

ISS Australia's Intercountry Adoption Tracing and Reunification Service provides **free** specialised search and reunion services to intercountry adoptees and adoptive parents, including those adopted through expatriate adoptions.

Our Intercountry Adoption Tracing and Reunification Service includes:

- Information, support and counselling to intercountry adoptees and adoptive parents regarding their decision to trace birth family
- Tracing birth family overseas through the resources of the ISS network and other relevant agencies in the adoptee's country of origin
- Guidance and support to intercountry adoptees considering or undertaking independent tracing of their birth family
- Counselling and support to intercountry adoptees, adoptive parents and birth families as they begin and progress through the complex reunification process
- Referrals to specialised services and support networks, where appropriate.

This service is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services and provided **free, Australia-wide**.

All services are provided by qualified professionals skilled in understanding complex intercountry adoption issues.

All of ISS Australia's work is carried out with the utmost respect for the privacy and confidentiality of those with whom we work.

Defending children • **connecting** families • across the **world**

About ISS Australia

International Social Service (ISS) Australia is an independent, national not-for-profit organisation with over 50 years' experience **defending children and connecting families across the world.**

ISS Australia works with those who are separated by international borders, with an emphasis on the rights and best interests of the child. ISS Australia is part of the international ISS network spanning over 140 countries, based in Geneva, with advisory status at the United Nations.

ISS Australia is a leader in its field. Its intercountry services include:

- Intercountry Adoption Family Support (Case Management Services)
- General Family Tracing and Reunification
- International Parental Child Abduction - Social Work Support
- International Parental Child Abduction - Legal Assistance
- International Family Mediation
- Intercountry Child Welfare and Kinship Care

Please see our other brochures on these services.

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