

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 people separated by international borders and separated by government intervention in NSW, 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 worldwide.

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

- Intercountry Adoption Family Support Service
- International Parental Child Abduction Social Work support
- International Parental Child Abduction Legal Assistance
- International Family and Post Adoption Tracing and Reunification
- Intercountry Child Welfare and Kinship Placement
- International Family Mediation
- Special Search Service

Please see our other brochures on these services.

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Special Search 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 Special Search Service provides **free** specialised national and international search and reunion services to people who were separated by government intervention in NSW, for example through adoption, being under the care of the Minister, foster care, or being placed in a children's home in NSW.

Our Special Search Service includes:

- Information and support
- Tracing and discreet outreach to direct family member/s
- Mediation to support a family reunion
- Emotional support and short-term counselling
- Referrals to specialised services and support networks, where appropriate

This service is funded by the NSW Government's Department of Family and Community Services. **It is provided free to anyone (including children under 18 years old) separated by government intervention in NSW.**

All services are provided by qualified professional Social Workers experienced in delivering discreet and supportive tracing and reunification services, as well as understanding complex 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.

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