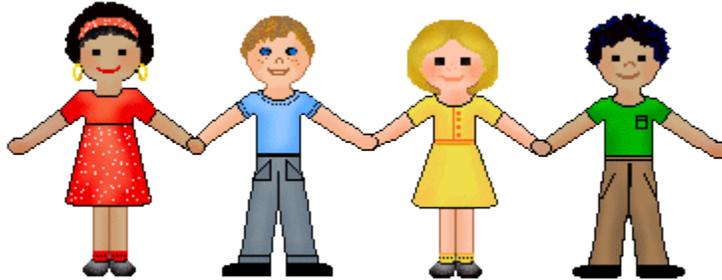


Congratulations, Your adoption has been finalized. . .

What happens now?



The MA court has finalized the paperwork and given it to you.....what do you do?

Please note that you will **not** come to change the birth record at Town Hall if the birth occurrence was in Milford because the MA court where your adoption was processed will send the documents to Vital Records in Boston to be processed. You as the newly adopted parents will want to make sure that has happened (be sure to have any Docket Information handy for any phone calls).

You as the newly adopted parents will want to contact Vital Records at (617) 740-2630 to make sure they have received all of the adoption paperwork and court documentation.

There **will be additional fees** involved in filing for the amended birth record with Vital Records.

You will want to contact Joseph Andelman at Vital Records (617) 740-2630 for any additional procedures and costs associated.

If the adoption took place outside of MA, the same “process” applies, **though it may not be solely the responsibility of the out of state court to deliver the adoption and/or court paperwork.** In other states it also may be the Registry of Vital Records of that particular state to

send the adoption paperwork or possibly the adoptive parent's responsibility to deliver the paperwork directly to Vital Records in Boston, MA, 150 Mt. Vernon St. Dorchester, MA 02125.

Please know that this process may take some time. Please make any follow-up calls regarding any documents with Vital Records at (617) 740-2630.

We will eventually be able to issue certified copies of an amended copy of the birth record here in Milford after the adoption registration is completed at Vital Records and we have received our copy of that record.

If you are concerned the process is taking longer than expected, you should contact Vital Records and verify the status of the adoption registration procedure at (617) 740-2630.