

# Adoption and Family Records Service, Department of Human Services

c. 1984 – November 2010

**Other Names:**

- AFRS
- Adoption Information Service

## Details

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The Adoption and Family Records Service (AFRS) was a program within the Department of Human Services (DHS) for former wards of the state of Victoria and their families. The purpose of the Service was to release state ward files and provide assistance to locate other relevant records and information; give counselling and support and referrals to support groups; and to help affected families locate and contact each other. In November 2010, the Service changed its name to Family Information, Networks and Discovery (FIND) – Personal information for Former Wards of State, Adoption and Donor Conception in Victoria.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Adoption and Family Records Service, Department of Human Services (c. 1984 – November 2010)**
  - Family Information, Networks and Discovery, Department of Health & Human Services (November 2010 - June 2019)
  - Adoption Information Services, Department of Justice and Community Safety (2019 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Related Organisations

- [Department of Human Services, State Government of Victoria \(1995 - December 2014\)](#)  
Freedom of Information requests for wardship files dated 1986 or earlier were processed through AFRS from 1995 - November 2010.
- [Corporate Integrity, Information and Resolutions Unit, Department of Human Services \(2010? - 2013\)](#)

#### Related Legislation

- [Adoption Act 1984, Victoria \(1985 - current\)](#)  
The Adoption Act 1984 provided for the creation of an Adoption Information Service in Victoria. This legislation gave adopted people the right to access information about their adoption.