



FIND & CONNECT FACT SHEET

ADOPTIONS

A web resource for people who experienced out of home 'care'

This is a guide to help people who were affected by adoption. On the Find & Connect web resource there is information about institutions (like babies' homes and maternity hospitals) relating to the adoption system in Australia, as well as information about agencies that arranged adoptions. The web resource also has entries about adoption legislation in each jurisdiction.

ADOPTION RECORDS

If you are looking for adoption records, this page on the National Archives of Australia website is a good place to start. It has information about accessing adoption records state by state.

<http://forcedadoptions.naa.gov.au/records>

ADOPTION SERVICES

This Commonwealth government webpage has a list of support services and advocacy groups for people affected by adoption.

<https://www.dss.gov.au/families-and-children/programmes-services/family-relationships/forced-adoption-practices/support-services-for-people-affected-by-past-forced-adoption-policies-and-practices>

FORCED ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES

The Australian Government Department of Social Services is funding seven organisations to provide coordinated specialist support services across Australia for people affected by forced adoption practices. The Department's website has a list of these organisations: <https://www.dss.gov.au/families-and-children/programmes-services/family-relationships/forced-adoption-practices/support-services-for-people-affected-by-past-forced-adoption-policies-and-practices>

To contact a Forced Adoption Support Service in your state or territory call 1800 21 03 13



Crown Street Women's Hospital, c. 1930 - c. 1950, courtesy of State Records NSW.

More details here: <https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/ref/nsw/objects/ND0000158.htm>