

## **Closure of Independent Adoption Center of Georgia**

Residential Child Care Licensing (RCCL) was made aware of the immediate closure of Independent Adoption Center of Georgia (IAC) on January 31, 2017. Unfortunately, the requirements for agencies ceasing operation per the rules and regulations for child placing agencies were not followed and the appropriate transfer arrangements of all relevant records were not provided.

On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, the Department retrieved and secured the records from the IAC office in Tucker, Georgia. If you are a family that received services from IAC in Georgia and you have questions about how to obtain information contained in your file, we have provided contact information below to assist you with that process. Please note that finalized adoption files can only be released in accordance with O.C.G.A. 19-8-23. Therefore there is a separate process for families with finalized adoptions versus active files. Unfortunately, Residential Child Care Licensing is not a child placing agency and is not able to assist families with adoption matches. If you need assistance with locating other licensed adoption agencies in the state, the link to all of the licensed Child Placing Agencies in the state of Georgia and their last 24 months of survey results is: <http://rcctrails.dhs.ga.gov/public/publiclanding.aspx>. Any requirements for updates would be at the discretion of the new agency or attorney and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the state under which you finalize your adoption.

## **Inquiries Related to Clients with Finalized Adoptions**

Closed files will be scanned and retained per O.C.G.A. 19-8-23.

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