

AUTHORED BY ANGELA HOWALD , (FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ISSUE CONCERNING THE
POST ADOPTION CONTACT 'VISITATION 'AGREEMENT MEETING HELD ON THE DATE 04/22/04)

THE BIRTHPARENT MUST NOT BE THE LAWS PRIMARY CONCERN AFTER
A CHILD IS RELINQUISHED BY THE NATURAL PARENTS .

THE BIRTHPARENT SHOULD BE A PRIMARY CONCERN BEFORE RELINQUISHMENT,
NOT AFTER .

THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED FAMILY MUST NEVER ^{be} IN LEGAL TURMOIL OVER A POST-
ADOPTION VISITATION AGREEMENT GONE SOUR .

LETTERS TO THE BIRTHPARENT FROM THE ADOPTIVE FAMILY AND PICTURES
OF THE CHILD SENT TO THE BIRTHPARENTS ARE PROBABLY GREATLY WELCOMED.

HOWEVER, THE DECISION FOR THE CHILD TO VISIT THE BIRTHPARENTS MUST
ALWAYS RESIDE WITH THE LEGAL PARENT, (THE ADOPTIVE PARENTS *in this case*).

PROVIDING (ANY) LEGAL RIGHTS TO A BIRTHPARENT AFTER THE ADOPTION
PROCESS IS COMPLETED MUCKS UP THE *CLARITY of Law* FOR THE ADOPTIVE
PARENTS . THE ^{proposed} POST ADOPTION VISITATION AGREEMENT ^{would} STATE THAT AN ADOPTION
CANNOT BE OVERTURNED BY THE FAILURE OF ANY PARTY TO ABIDE BY THE
AGREEMENT.

I REALLY MUST ASK YOU TO QUESTION WHY THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY LEGAL
ACTION AGAINST AN ADOPTIVE FAMILY MUST EVEN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO A
BIRTHPARENT . IF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT DEEMS THE BIRTHPARENT A PROBLEM
TO THE SAFETY AND OR SANITY OF THEIR FAMILY THEY MUST NEVER BE FORCED
TO ABIDE BY AN AGREEMENT SUCH AS THE VISITATION AGREEMENT.

NO WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR POST ADOPTION CONTACT SHOULD BE LEGALIZED IN THE
STATE OF NEVADA PROVIDING FOR BIRTHPARENTS TO VISIT THEIR CHILD ONCE THEY
RELINQUISH.

NEW LAWS MUST BE PUT INTO PLACE TO SPECIFICALLY PROHIBIT ANY PROVISION
FOR THE POST ADOPTION VISITATION AGREEMENT!!!!

sincerely,
Angela Howald 04-21-04

See also Supreme Court case # 38572 - That is my case

EXHIBIT <i>5</i>	ChildFam	Document consists of <i>22</i> pages
<input type="checkbox"/>	Entire document provided.	Due to size limitations, pages <i>1</i> through <i>3</i> provided.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A copy of the complete document is available through the Research Library (775-684-6827 or e-mail library@cb.state.nv.us).	Meeting Date <i>4-22-04</i>

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WCDSS - ADOPTIONS UNIT

SEMI-open adoption -
exchange of cards &/or letter &/or
photos multiple times / yr.

OPEN ADOPTION -
Contact between birth mo
& child / adopt. parent
telephone

- ① Read & select family
- ② Birth mother notification
- ③ In NV - Safe Haven Law (03)
- ④ Relinquish parental rights
to Washoe Co.
- ⑤ If you pick a family ~
- ⑥ Adoption Registry



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July 27, 2001

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Dear Ms. Howald,

Your correspondence dated July 16, 2001 which outlines an additional complaint regarding New Hope Child and Family Agency was received and reviewed by the Division. You have expressed concern that the agency has failed to comply with or enforce the terms of your "post adoption communication and contact agreement".

A review of the file confirms that an agreement was executed by yourself, Frank Howald, Sheryl and Michael Stapleton (adoptive parents), and New Hope in September/October 1999. The agreement outlines the types and frequency of communication and contacts that would take place between you and Mr. and Mrs. Stapleton after Taylor Renee's initial placement and after finalization of the adoption.

The agreement stipulates that enforcement of the "agreement shall only be by civil action". Therefore it is beyond the Division's authority to resolve this matter. It would appear that the action needed would be best handled through your legal counsel, the attorneys representing New Hope and Mr. and Mrs. Stapleton and the district court.

I am sorry we could not be of more assistance to you. Hopefully your attorney will be able to mediate or resolve the matter on your behalf.

Sincerely,
Wanda Scott
Wanda Scott
Adoption Specialist

Cc: Bruce Alder, Acting Administrator

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