

# Online Putative Father Registry

## WHAT IS A PUTATIVE FATHER?

A putative father is a man who may be the child's father, but who was not married to the child's mother before the child was born and has not established the fact that he is the father in a legal proceeding. If the child's mother wants to place the child for adoption, the putative father must take steps to show that he is the legal father of the child if he wants to have any say in the adoption. By registering with a Putative Father Registry, the father takes one step toward proving he is the child's father.

## OUR EXPERIENCE

King Technology, Inc. (KingTech) developed, revised, and redeveloped the current web-based Putative Father Registry for the State of Illinois and has operated the online PFR since 2005 as a program of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. KingTech maintains the web based application and the PFR web site which allows for online registration by fathers and for online requests for searches of the Registry. In addition, KingTech provides Certifications of Registration and Certified Search Results that can be downloaded and printed from the PFR web site.



- Fast implementation of a web-based Registry from development to operation
- Highly skilled search operators that provide customer support and perform blind duplicate searches to eliminate the possibility of errors
- Assistance in the conversion of currently registered fathers to the new online Registry
- Provide thorough training and real-time system maintenance
- State and Federal compliant

## BACKGROUND

A father is supposed to be notified before his child can be adopted. But a father who isn't married to the child's mother may not be easy to find, or might not be legally recognized as the child's father. The Putative Father Registry (PFR) is a way for such fathers to make sure that they can protect their rights.

The information that a father provides to the Registry will be kept strictly confidential. If the father's child is the subject of an adoption proceeding and a search is requested of the PFR, the father's information will be given to the requesting party so that he can be notified of the adoption proceeding. He can then appear before the court in the adoption case to provide information regarding the child's best interests.

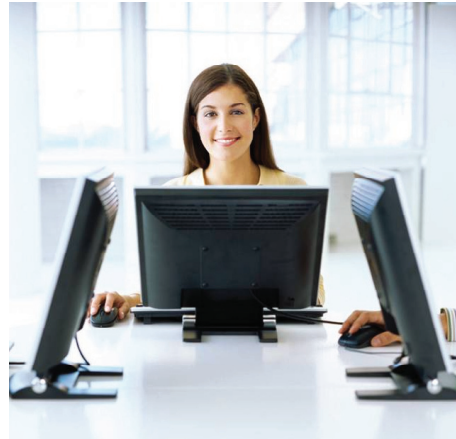
## ONLINE PUTATIVE FATHER REGISTRY

King Technology, Inc. (KingTech) will work with state and federal agencies to develop, design, and implement online Putative Father Registries. These applications address the needs of the agencies that promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood.

KingTech provides training for users who will have access to the Registry and assistance with the conversion of currently registered fathers from a paper system to the new online Registry. Our search operators are available to provide assistance to agency employees, putative fathers, families looking to adopt, social workers and other adoption professionals. In addition, KingTech will ensure that its Putative Father Registries are compatible with the proposed National Putative Father Registry.



# Application Features



An online Putative Father Registry developed by KingTech consists of two parts: a public web site used for father registration and submitting search requests, and a powerful database system that includes the searchable Putative Father Registry database, detailed reporting features and automatic billing processes.

Since the application is web-based there is no need to install software or download data onto user computers. Users have individual user names and passwords allowing protected access to the Registry. KingTech also provides detailed procedures for performing searches and maintains user guides for assistance.

Our full-time, highly skilled search operators provide customer assistance services, perform father registration, and conduct searches. In the event of negative results, the application performs blind duplicate searches to ensure zero errors. In addition, KingTech maintains errors and emissions insurance for further protection.

## GRANT WRITING

KingTech can assist state agencies search for and write grants that can be used for the development, establishment, and operation of an online Putative Father Registry.

## MONTHLY REPORTS

KingTech provides customized monthly data analysis reports for the Contract Administrator in an approved format. These reports can be used to compile state statistics and to aid in reconciliation.

## BILLING SYSTEM

The online Putative Father Registry can provide states and agencies a source of additional revenue by implementing an automated billing system. The application can be setup to bill users as searches are requested using approved billing notification and invoicing processes. Weekly reports of payments received are sent to the designated staff or department.

For more information or to see a sample of our online Putative Father Registry, visit [www.putativefather.org](http://www.putativefather.org).

# Benefits and Services

- Development of database and web site, setup web-based registration feature and perform testing on the application
- Project management staff who coordinate and supervise the PFR activities and interact with Department of Children and Family Services staff
- Assistance with the conversion of currently registered fathers on a paper system to the new online Registry
- On site information technology team to maintain and update, when indicated, all software and hardware needs
- Automated communication capabilities with the proposed National Putative Father Registry
- States and agencies have the capability to gain additional revenue by charging for access to the Registry. The application has an automated billing system to simplify invoicing and reporting.

## SERVICES AVAILABLE

Application Development

Database Management

Network Administration

Project Management



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