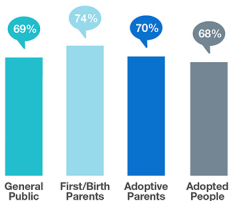


The Question: Should first/birth parents, adopted persons and adoptive parents interact more to best serve the needs of the adoption community?



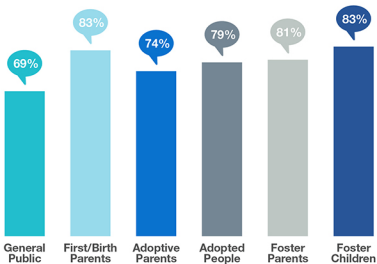
DAI's Position: We are better able to influence needed changes in policy, practice and perceptions in adoption as a united community. We must actively engage in solidarity-building by authentically opening ourselves to sharing our unique experiences, learning from others, and embracing the commonalities in our experiences as we move forward together.



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The Question: Do you support adopted persons' right to access their original birth certificate?



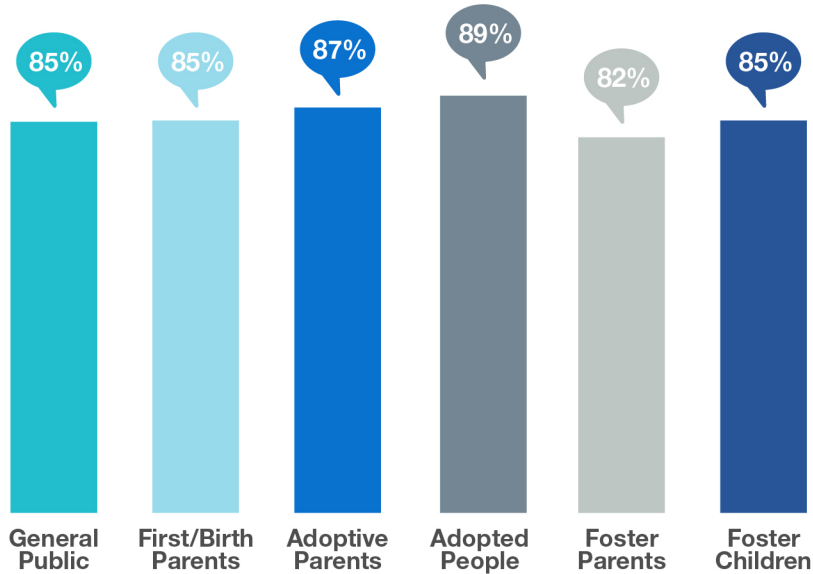
DAI's Position: Every state should immediately restore unrestricted access for adopted persons to obtain their original birth certificate. From there, we must ensure resources are in place for adopted persons who may desire support as they obtain this information.



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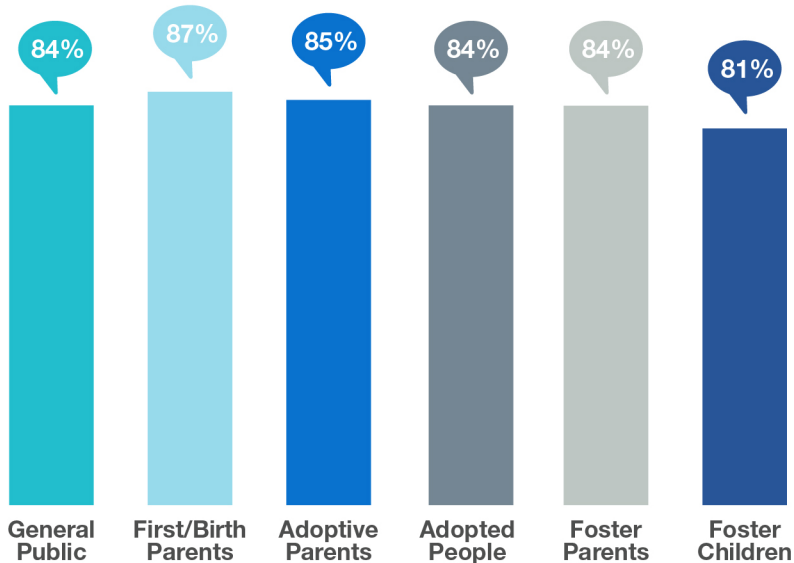
The Question: Should unregulated child custody transfers (“rehoming”) be illegal?



DAI’s Position: One child “rehomed” is one child too many. Every state must immediately enact statutes that deem this practice illegal while also requiring the necessary pre- and post-adoption support. As a community, we must all ensure the resources are in place for families who need them in order to ensure the safety and well-being of children.



The Question: Do you think all potential adoptive parents should be evaluated on the same set of rigorous criteria?



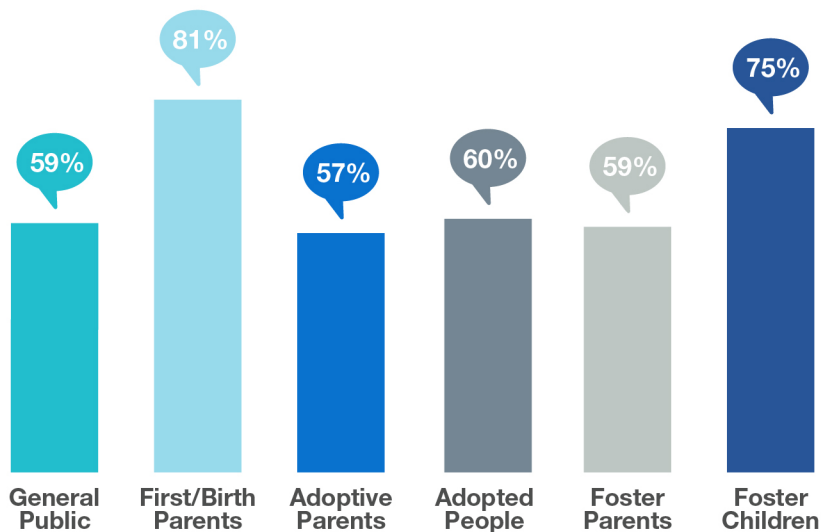
DAI's Position: National standards are needed to uniformly regulate the critical elements of the adoption process. This includes the home study assessment and training of prospective adoptive parents, counseling and services to expectant parents facing an unintended pregnancy, post-adoption support, and other significant aspects of this process. Ultimately, these standards would ensure the safety and well-being of children and strengthen families.



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The Question: Do you support "open" adoptions where first/birth parents, adoptive families and the adopted person have an ongoing relationship?



DAI's Position: Openness in adoption is healthy for all members of the extended family of adoption. It helps facilitate identity development for the child and their family and allows family members to fully embrace the truth. Families need to be encouraged to build authentic relationships in order for their families to be strong.



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