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RE: Safe Haven Inquiry

The Wisconsin Paternal Interest Registry relies on the names of potential fathers, mothers and children to search for potential fathers. Because this child was relinquished under s. 48.195, Stats., you are unable to provide us with the name of any person who might appear in the registry. Therefore, we are unable to determine if a Declaration of Paternal Interest has been filed for this child.

I would refer you to s. 48.42(4)(b)1m., Stats., which allows the court to order the parents of a relinquished child be given constructive notice of an action involving the child. Specifically, this allows notice by publication.

Sincerely,

Department of Children & Families  
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