# Protecting Adoption Act of 2015

## Possible Fathers Start Here

**Possible Father Registers**

He may register either with the registry in a state that agrees to link to the National Registry, or with the National Registry directly.

## Adoptive Parents Start Here

**Eligible Party Queries the Registry**

Eligible parties are licensed adoption or child placement agencies, licensed attorneys representing a party in an adoption, a child placement or termination of rights hearing, or state courts.

## National Responsible Father Registry

The Secretary of HHS maintains the registry and encourages states to share data from their state registries. The Secretary may make grants to states to revise their registries or start a new one.

**Eligible Party Query Report**

Report includes names and addresses of possible fathers who registered interest in asserting parental right for child born to identified mother.

**Eligible Party Provides Notice**

The Eligible Party is responsible—consistent with applicable state laws—for providing notice to the register possible father at the last address he provided to the registry