

# **Fast Family Finding Search Steps**

What to do if you only have 15 minutes to search?

## **Locating Kin Names and Contact Information Fast!**

### Start with LexisNexus® Accurint®

- Run "Advanced Person Search"
  - Start with First and Last Name (provide date of birth if able)
    - Click the LexID for individuals when you have found the correct individual
    - Try every phone number shown
- Run "Real Time Phones Search"
  - Cross-reference with numbers yielded from Advanced Persons Search
    - Attempt any of the numbers not listed in initial search

### Move to Connect Our Kids (www.search.connectourkids.org)

- Run search and cross-reference with phone numbers previously found
  - Attempt any new phone numbers yielded

### Try Additional Sites: www.truepeoplesearch.com or www.fastpeoplesearch.com or www.thatsthem.com

- o Provide Name, City, and State, and even narrow down age ranges if necessary
- o Cross-reference with phone numbers previously found
- o Attempt any new phone numbers yielded (emails are also a good way to reach out)
  - Click on any of the individuals named in "Possible Relatives" and "Possible Associates" section and search for contact information for them as well

### **Next Level!**

### **Social Media Searches**

- Start with finding one of the parents (even if they have already been spoken with)
- Check for known connections (friends and family)
  - Look for the same last names and those who interact frequently
  - Use the "search profile" magnifying glass tool to search key terms such as: "mom" and "family" - This will take you to posts that include these words.
- Review for life events (birthdays, weddings, family reunions/gatherings)
- Look for details in pictures, frequented-location posts, any other helpful information
  - If able, send a generic message (See Social Media Overview Handout for sample messages)
  - Follow all agency policies and procedures related to social media use

#### **Obituaries**

- o Try searching obituaries to find additional names that have not already been found
- o Try www.legacy.com or www.findagrave.com
  - Click "More Options" on main screen
  - Fill in first and Last Names, State, and City if known, and choose date range
- Try a google search of the deceased person's name with the word "obituary" along with the name of a child or spouse

## All Searching Should Lead to Efforts to Engage!

Any of these lists can be used to promote kin exploration with parents and other family members.