

Legal Services On Adoption Problem

Alaska Legal Services Corporation announces a major effort to solve the problem of adoption for poor people. VISTA, Alaska State Welfare Dept. and many judges have indicated their support and enthusiasm.

There are many reasons why a person should obtain a legal adoption for his child. A son or daughter in military service is insured, and if killed under certain circumstances, the natural or legal parent are usually entitled to a substantial amount of money.

In some everyday civilian situation, a natural or legal parent can sometimes recover a substantial amount of money for the wrongful death of a child and conversely, a child can recover for the wrongful death of a parent.

Under social security laws,

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a natural or legal child is entitled to a certain support payments from the government in the event of the death of a parent. Under State welfare rules, a wife and the natural or legal children in need of assistance can get help.

In each of the situations described above, either the the child or the parent are unable to get any money. If the child is not legally adopted. All people who have adopted children informally, or by custom, without obtaining a court decree are urged to do so.

You may find out how to proceed by contacting a local magistrate, a representative of Alaska Legal Services Corporation, a VI STA Volunteer, a State social worker, or also in the Kuskokwim area, a Bureau of Indian Affairs social worker.