

What Is A Donor Conceived Person?

A donor conceived person (**DCP**) is a person who was conceived and born as a result of **eggs, sperm, or embryos** that were **provided by a third party**.

What Issues do DCP & Their Families Face?

- **Lack of regulation** of the fertility industry has harmed DCP, gamete recipients, and donors
- **Dozens to 100+ offspring** may be created from the same egg or sperm donor, leading to **psychological harm** and potential **accidental incest**
- Many DCP have a strong and urgent **need to know the identity of the donor**
- A **lack of educational counseling** prior to donation or acquisition of gametes
- **Coercive and deceptive advertising practices** targeting debt-ridden young adults to become donors
- **Lack of verification** of donors' medical, social, and educational history
- **FDA lacks authority** other than to regulate the spread of STDs through donor gametes

Who We Are

U.S. Donor Conceived Council (**USDCC**) is the **first volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit** founded and **led by donor conceived people** to advocate on behalf of donor conceived people.

What We Do

We **educate others** about the lived experiences of DCP; **advocate for reforms** to the assisted reproduction industry that further our best interests; and **assist in** developing and passing **legislation** that protects the rights of DCP.

How To Help

- **Learn** about the experiences of DCP, parents of DCP, and donors.
- **Support and/or co-sponsor** legislation modeled on the Colorado "**Donor-Conceived Persons and Families of Donor-Conceived Persons Protection Act,**" enacted in 2022.



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What Do DCP Think?

92%

support a limit on offspring per donor; 83% say it should be <10

79%

want to form a close relationship with siblings from the same donor

94%

believe all DCP should have the option to know the donor's identity

75%

think anonymous gamete donation is unethical

72%

worry they don't have a complete/accurate family health history

92%

believe the assisted reproduction industry has a responsibility to act in the best interests of DCP

Source: 2020 *We Are Donor Conceived* survey

Is There a Solution?

In May 2022, **Colorado** enacted the first U.S. law to provide protections to donor conceived people. The "Donor-Conceived Persons and Families of Donor-Conceived Persons Protection Act," Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 25-57-101--25-57-112, passed with strong **bipartisan support**.

USDCC hopes additional states will enact legislation using, and improving upon, **Colorado's Law**.

Who Supported the Colorado Law?

- Major U.S. **sperm and egg banks**
- **LGBTQIA+** advocates
- ART industry **attorneys**
- **Mental health** professionals
- Expert **legal scholars**
- **Egg donor** advocates
- **Adoptee** advocates
- **DCP, donors, and recipient parents**

The Colorado Law

- **Prospective application** to donations made on or after January 1, 2025
- Permits DCP to **learn the donor's identity at 18**
- Enforceable limit of **25 families per donor**, with **no limit on the number of children** born within each family
- **Periodic** medical and contact information **updates from donors**
- **Permanent** record **retention**
- **Written educational materials** provided to potential donors and recipients regarding **DCP needs**



Col. Gov. Jared Polis signs the bill into law.