



What is the Confidential Intermediary Program?

Established in 1993, the Confidential Intermediary Program certifies and monitors Confidential Intermediaries (CIs), who assist in searching for, and locating, parties who have been involved in the Arizona adoption process.

Arizona Certified Confidential Intermediaries help facilitate contact between adoptive parents, adopted individuals, birth parents and siblings, while protecting court and agency records and the anonymity of those who desire it.

The Confidential Intermediary Program can also be used to obtain non-identifying information regarding parties of an adoption looking for medical or genealogical history but not desiring personal contact. Information exchanges are facilitated through a certified Confidential Intermediary.

Who may use the services of a Confidential Intermediary?

For adoptions finalized in Arizona and pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-134, any of the following persons may use the services of a CI:

- ◆ Adoptive parents of an adoptee who is at least 18 years of age, or if the adoptive parents are deceased, the adoptee's guardian
- ◆ An adoptee who is at least 18 years of age
- ◆ If any adoptee is deceased, the adoptee's spouse if the spouse is the legal parent or guardian of any child of the adoptee
- ◆ If any adoptee is deceased, any progeny of the adoptee who is at least 18 years of age
- ◆ Either of the birth parents of an adoptee
- ◆ If the birth parent of an adoptee is deceased, the parent of the birth parent
- ◆ A biological sibling of an adoptee if the sibling is at least 18 years of age
- ◆ A CI cannot contact persons under 21 years of age without a court order

Why should I use the Confidential Intermediary Program?

- ◆ **CONFIDENTIALITY:** Consent from all parties is required for the sharing of identifying and non-identifying information
- ◆ **RESOURCES:** CIs may inspect the confidential court, division agency and maternity home records not otherwise available
- ◆ **MEDICAL INFORMATION:** With a written statement from a physician, a court may order non-identifying medical information to be provided regardless of an adoptee's age.
- ◆ **SENSITIVITY & PROFESSIONALISM:** CIs are trained to handle sensitive situations in a discreet and objective manner



How can I contact the Program?



The Arizona Supreme Court
Certification & Licensing Division
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ConfidentialIntermediaryProgram.aspx](http://www.azcourts.gov/cld/ConfidentialIntermediaryProgram.aspx)

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How can I become a Confidential Intermediary?

Applicants must successfully complete the training requirements, comply with a background review and pass a certification examination administered by the Certification and Licensing Division of the Supreme Court of Arizona.

Additional information and certification requirements are available by contacting the program office or by visiting the web site.



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*“For the first
time in my life
I felt free
of questions that had no
answers”**