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How can I become a Confidential Intermediary?

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

Additional information and certification requirements are available on the Confidential Intermediary Program website:

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What is the Confidential Intermediary Program?

The **Confidential Intermediary Program (CIP)** certifies and oversees Confidential **Intermediaries (CIs)**, trained professionals who assist in connecting individuals involved in the Arizona adoption process.

Whether you're seeking personal contact, medical, or genealogical information, CIs facilitate these connections while respecting privacy and confidentiality.

CIs handle the research and ensure the secure exchange of information, protecting the anonymity of all parties involved.

Who may use the services of a Confidential Intermediary?

For adoptions finalized in Arizona, and in accordance with **Arizona law (A.R.S. § 8-134)**, the following individuals may use a CI's services:

- **Adoptive parents** of an adoptee aged 18 or older, or if the adoptive parents are deceased, the adoptee's guardian.
- **Adoptees** who are 18 or older.
- **Spouses of deceased adoptees**, if they are the legal parent or guardian of the adoptee's children.
- **Progeny of deceased adoptees**, if they are at least 18 years old.
- **Birth parents** of an adoptee.
- **Biological grandparents of an adoptee**, if the birth parent is deceased.
- **Biological siblings**, if they are 18 years or older.
- CIs cannot contact individuals under 21 without a court order.

Why should I use the Confidential Intermediary Program?

- **Confidentiality:** All parties must provide consent before any identifying or non-identifying information is shared.
- **Access to Resources:** CIs can access confidential court, division agency, and maternity home records that are otherwise unavailable.
- **Medical Information:** With a physician's written statement, courts can order non-identifying medical information to be shared, regardless of the adoptee's age.
- **Sensitivity & Professionalism:** CIs are trained to handle sensitive cases with care and respect, ensuring professionalism throughout the process.