

## What is a Dependent Child?

A dependent child is someone under 18 years old who is under the care of the juvenile court due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment. Once you turn 18, you are legally considered an adult and no longer classified as a dependent child.

## What is a Former Dependent Child?

A former dependent child is someone who was determined by the juvenile court needing protection and services and became a ward of the court. You become a former dependent child once the court dismisses your case, which can happen at any age; you do not have to be 18 for your case to be closed. Before dismissing the case, the court must tell you and your parents or guardian about SIX.

## What is a Sibling?

A sibling is your brother or sister from the same biological parents, or from stepparent or adoptive parent. Under the SIX Program siblings include stepbrothers and sisters and adoptive brothers and sisters.

## How to Reconnect

You have the option to choose not to have contact with your siblings. To do this, you must sign a form indicating your desire for no contact. You can also change your mind at any time. If you later wish to reconnect, simply provide written confirmation stating that you know about your siblings and would like to establish contact.

## Contact Information



### Website

[azcourts.gov/cld/confidential-intermediary-program](https://azcourts.gov/cld/confidential-intermediary-program)



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## What is the SIX Program?

The SIX Program helps former dependent children exchange information and reconnect with their siblings, including those who are adopted, in foster care, group homes and residential treatment centers.

## Who may participate in SIX?

- Age 18 or older and a former dependent child.
- Age 17 or under and a former dependent child. If under 18 participation must include an adoptive parent, guardian, or biological parent (if they have legal custody and are not involved in an ongoing juvenile court dependency case).
- Over 18 and a sibling of a former dependent child.



## How to Reconnect

The Arizona Supreme Court trains and certifies Confidential Intermediaries who have been authorized to access information and to assist you and your siblings if you wish to reestablish contact.



## Is Information About Me Confidential?

All information regarding your dependency case and any contact details after your case is dismissed are kept strictly confidential. Only the court has the authority to release this information.

Confidential Intermediaries can access your information but are required to maintain confidentiality at all times. This information is solely used to facilitate contact between you and your siblings or to share information among siblings.

