

**WASHTENAW COUNTY TRIAL COURT
ADOPTION UNIT**

CONFIDENTIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Confidential Intermediaries are individuals appointed by the Court to search for and contact (if requested) former family members, adult adoptees, or adult children of deceased adult adoptees. MCL 710.68b(2)

The following individuals may file a Petition and Order to Appoint Confidential Intermediary (**PCA 342**) to appoint a confidential intermediary in the court where the final order of adoption was entered:

- An adult adoptee
- An adoptive parent of a minor adoptee
- An adult child of a deceased adoptee
- A former family member MCL 710.68b(2)

Once the Court receives the petition to appoint a confidential intermediary, the Court must contact the Central Adoption Registry to determine whether there is currently a statement from the individual being sought that denies consent to the release of identifying information. MCL 710.68b(2) If there is no denial of consent for that individual, the Court must appoint in writing a confidential intermediary who meets the requirements of MCL 710.68b(3) and MCL 710.68b(2).

See below for a detailed procedure on how to request a Confidential Intermediary.

If you do not require the assistance of a Confidential intermediary search but would like to receive identifying or non-identifying information, please submit the Petition for Adoption Information and Order (**PCA 327**) to the Juvenile Court. MCL 710.68 provides for the release of non-identifying and identifying information based upon whether the former parents, former adult siblings, or adult adoptees have filed a consent to or denial of the release of identifying information.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the Juvenile Court Adoption Unit at: 734/222-6938.

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PROCEDURES FOR COURT APPOINTED INTERMEDIARY SERVICES

If you are an adult adoptee, adoptive parent of a minor adoptee, former family member, or an adult child of a deceased adoptee, you may request the services of a confidential Intermediary who has been approved by this court. The procedures are as follows:

1. Complete and return with a \$30 filing fee the Order to Appoint Confidential Intermediary. The fees are to be made payable to Washtenaw County Trial Court, which must be submitted with the petition. The petition, with the filing fee, may be submitted by mail
2. The petitioner will also select one of the approved Intermediaries and submit the Statement of Understanding and Fee Agreement. Only an Intermediary on the court's list will be approved. See the attached list of Intermediaries.
3. The Court will notify the petitioner and the Intermediary that the petition has been approved.
4. The Confidential Intermediary charges \$300 for services. All fees will be approved by the court; however, these fees will not be waived by the Court.
5. Within six months of the Order of Appointment, the Confidential Intermediary will file a report with the court as to the efforts and outcome of the search.
6. If, within the six month period the search has been unsuccessful, the petitioner may request a formal hearing. The result of this hearing may be any of the following:
 - a) Reappointment of the Confidential Intermediary to search for another six months.
 - b) Appointment of a different Confidential Intermediary
 - c) Release of all information to the petitioner from the Court's adoption file and any additional information obtained by the initial Confidential Intermediary.

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