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## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES Registry of California Adoption Facilitators

*Listing on this website is not intended to be an endorsement of any facilitator by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS.)*

*The CDSS does not provide oversight over adoption facilitators. Any person harmed by a facilitator may bring a civil action for damages, rescission, injunctive relief or any other civil or equitable remedy, in addition to the Attorney General, district attorney or a city attorney. (Family Code section 8638.)*

The facilitators listed on this website have satisfied the minimal requirements of *Family Code section 8632.5, which include:*

1. *Three years experience employed by a public or private adoption agency licensed by the department, a registered adoption facilitator, or an adoption attorney who assists in bringing adopting persons and placing parents together for the purpose of adoption placement.\**
2. *Two years of college courses with at least half of the units and hours focusing on social work or a related field.\**
3. *A valid business license.*
4. *Valid identification.*
5. *Criminal background check*

\*Note: A facilitator may waive the education and experience requirements if he/she satisfies the following:

1. Five years work experience providing direct adoption services for a licensed adoption agency.
2. He/She has not been found liable of malfeasance in connection with providing adoption services.
3. He/She provides three letters of support from:
  - A licensed adoption agency;
  - A member of the Academy of California Adoption Lawyers; or
  - The CDSS.

## REGISTRY OF CALIFORNIA ADOPTION FACILITATORS

### **A Baby from Heaven**

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### **A Child's Dream of California**

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Company  
Bond: 70647089  
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### **Adoption Answer**

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City of Issuance: Los Angeles  
Surety Bond Company: Platte River  
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Surety Bond Company: American  
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City of Issuance: Chico  
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Company  
Bond: 70799130  
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### **Adoption Consultants Incorporated**

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City of Issuance: City of Torrance  
Surety Bond Company: Great American  
Insurance Company  
Bond: FS2718285  
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Business License: 31013  
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Surety Bond Company: Fidelity and Deposit  
Company of Maryland  
Bond: 8086447  
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### **Adopt4Me**

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Contractors Indemnity Company  
Bond: 293325  
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City of Issuance: Santa Clarita  
Surety Bond Company: Danielson National  
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Bond: 14-SUR-140730  
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### **An Angel Above Adoptions**

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Surety Bond Company: Platte River  
Insurance Company  
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Company of Maryland  
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Bond: 14-SUR-142256  
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Surety Bond Company: Bond Services of California  
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