
Section 11 of [AB 120](#) requires adoption facilitators to do all of the following: Publish a statement informing the public of the prohibition of adoption facilitation services in California on all internet website operated by the adoption facilitator.

Required Statement: All Adoption facilitators who were on the [Adoption Facilitator Registry](#) as of July 1, 2023, must cease operation on or before December 31, 2023. As of January 1, 2024, a person or entity operating or providing adoption facilitator services in California [involving California residents] is prohibited. Common practices and services undertaken by adoption facilitators: arranging contact between birthparent(s) and prospective adoptive parents; advertising for the purpose of soliciting parties to an adoption; locating children for an adoption; acting as an intermediary between the parties to an adoption; and charging a fee or other valuable consideration for services rendered.

As of January 1, 2024, only authorized persons or organizations specified in [FC 8609](#) may advertise in any periodical or newspaper, by radio, or other public medium, that he, she, or it will place children for adoption, or accept, supply, provide, or obtain children for adoption, or that causes any advertisement to be published in or by any public medium soliciting, requesting, or asking for any child or children for adoption is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person, other than a birthparent, or any organization, association, or corporation that, without holding a valid and unrevoked license to place children for adoption issued by the department, places any child for adoption is guilty of a misdemeanor.

To continue providing adoption services, a person, including anyone currently operating as a registered adoption facilitator, or organization must be employed by a licensed adoption agency or apply to become a licensed adoption agency with Community Care Licensing (CCL) or otherwise be permitted by law to provide those services.

CLARIFICATION: California legal counsel confirmed that adoption services involving **California residents** may be provided only by a licensed adoption agency or licensed attorney. Therefore, AdoptLink may not provide adoption consulting services to California residents. AdoptLink may provide adoption consulting services in jurisdictional sending/receiving states where permitted by law.