The Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org) is another resource for reliable consumer reports.

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.
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Surety Bond Company: Bond Services of California
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