

1 **Rule 13A. Limited-purpose intervention.**

2 (a) **Scope.** This rule applies to the intervention of a friend or relative in a child welfare  
3 matter for the limited purpose of determining the placement of a child. It supersedes Rule  
4 24 of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure for this limited purpose.

5 (b) **Limited-purpose intervenor.** On timely motion, the court will permit a relative or  
6 friend to intervene in a child welfare matter for the limited purpose of being considered  
7 for a child placement under 80-3-302(6).

8 (c) **Record access.** A limited-purpose intervenor will not have access to court records  
9 unless the court determines, after providing the parties with notice and an opportunity  
10 to be heard, that certain court records are relevant to the issue of a child's placement with  
11 the limited-purpose intervenor.

12 (d) **Burden of proof.** A limited-purpose intervenor has the burden to prove by a  
13 preponderance of evidence that it is in the child's best interest to grant the limited-  
14 purpose intervenor's request for placement of the child with the limited-purpose  
15 intervenor.

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