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The Adoption Expense Bill

On April 2004, in the House of Commons, Members' of Parliament voted to pass to Finance Committee review, the Private Member's Bill C-246. It passed, thanks to the support of many colleagues in the Conservative Party of Canada, the Bloc Quebecois, and the New Democratic Party as well as many Liberal backbenchers. Bill C-246 provides for an income tax deduction for adoption expenses, of up to \$7,000 and was passed by an overwhelming 168 to 50 vote.

If the Bill succeeds at Finance Committee, it will allow deductions for costs of a local or international adoption, for a child under 17. Costs will include home study fees, psychological assessment costs, immigration expenses, travel expenses, agency fees, etc. up to a total of \$7000. This would apply to expenses incurred up to two years preceding the year before the Bill goes into effect.

(Adoptive parents are exempt from the usual three-year residency requirement.) Under the new proposed Citizenship Act, a foreign child adopted by a Canadian will be granted citizenship without having to go through the immigration process.



When your child gets Canadian citizenship

Under the current immigration process, parents-to-be must apply to sponsor their child for permanent residence in Canada. After the child enters Canada as a permanent resident, they may apply for citizenship on the child's behalf.

FAS Facial Photographic Analysis Software

Health care and research professionals have developed FAS Facial Photographic Analysis Software. It has been used to accurately measure the full continuum of expression of the FAS facial phenotype in over 3,500 individuals, birth to adult, evaluated in the FASD screening and diagnostic programs conducted by the Washington State FAS Diagnostic & Prevention Network

<http://depts.washington.edu/fasdpn/software.html>



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Upcoming Events

July 9-12, 2004, Eastport, Nfld. -- 3rd Annual Gathering of Families with Children Adopted from Nunavut. Families in Newfoundland gather to celebrate the place of birth and culture of their Inuit children.

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July 23-25, Toronto -- Yangzhou Reunion, for families who adopted from Yangzhou, Jiangsu, China. Friday night pizza and pool party, Delta Toronto East Hotel. Saturday afternoon party at the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto (games, entertainment, share your talent show, crafts, etc). Sunday picnic lunch and play all day at Ontario Place. Jan Lupson, janl@sympatico.ca

Aug. 16-19, 2004, Ottawa -- 2004 International Conference. "Promoting Resilient Development in Children Receiving Care". Sponsored by the Child Welfare League of Canada; Centre for Research on Community Services; University of Ottawa; Ontario Assn. of Children's Aid Societies; Services to Children and Families of Prescott-Russell. Elizabeth Waite, elizabeth@cwlc.ca, www.cwlc.ca/conference

Aug. 20-22, 2003, Newmarket, Ont. -- Korean-Canadian Children's Assn. summer camp at Regina Mundi (Sisters Convent), 19309 Warden Ave./ Mt. Albert 500m North, Queensville Ont. LIG IRO, (905) 478-4264. Two nights and three days. Korean Heritage Music and Language Class; Cooking Class, Korean Country Music, Taekwan-do, swimming. \$15 daily with meals; \$25/overnight. No charge for children. Outdoor camp sites, walking paths, bicycle riding. Register with John Lim (416) 252-7415 Ofc. (905) 271-2667, johnlimsk@hotmail.com; or Donna Paonessa, 905-303-2557, donna@scsonline.net

Sept. 25, 2004, Toronto -- One-day International Adoption Seminar. Prepare for adoption; meeting your child; medical issues; attachment; talking about adoption with your child; mixed race adoptions. Includes videos, presentations, hand-outs, breakfast and lunch. \$294/couple; \$197/single. Sofie Stergianis, International Adoption Centre, 416-483-0003, sofie@ica.net

June Birthdays!



Happy Birthday to:

Nicholas M. on your 2nd birthday on June 7th
Joel J. on your 8th birthday on June 8th
Luca C. on your 5th birthday on June 11th
Kaille G. on your 6th birthday on June 20th
Nicholas S. on your 2nd birthday on June 20th
Laura P. on your 5th birthday on June 24th
Robert S. on your 3rd birthday on June 26th

Sorry if we missed yours! ☺

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