

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
**YOUR LEGAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED ON ADOPTION**

Individuals and couples who cannot otherwise conceive a child naturally now have access to a range of different services to achieve their dream of having children, such as IVF, adoption and surrogacy.

So, how can people adopt, in Queensland, now?

The *Adoption Act 2009* (Qld) sets out how adoptions are managed in Queensland. It is an offence to privately arrange adoptions. Adoptions must be arranged through Adoption Services Queensland, a faction of the Department of Communities, as the Chief Executive (Child Safety) acquires guardianship of a child whose birth parents have consented to surrendering the child for adoption.

Adoptions are now finalised by way of Order of the Children's Court, rather than the previous regime which saw adoptions finalised administratively. This reform brings the Queensland adoption regime into line with other Australian jurisdictions. It was aimed at providing certainty to applicants, who previously rushed to have their names registered during the brief and irregular times the Register was open, and to provide the best possible applicants who were ready, willing and able at the time of application.

Brisbane Family Law Centre (BFLC) will be holding a free information evening on Tuesday, 29 November 2011 to answer legal questions for anyone considering adoption.

The session will be held from 6pm at the offices of BFLC at 10 Albion Road. Places are limited so please contact BFLC on telephone 3862 1955 or email [alex@bflc.com.au](mailto:alex@bflc.com.au) to



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