



YUKON TO OPEN ADOPTION RECORDS

(December 1, 2009). Yukon Territory has a new adoption disclosure Act! The *Child and Family Services Act* will become law on April 30, 2010.

Under this new law:

- Adopted adults (19+) may apply for a copy of their original birth registration and their Adoption Order.
- Birth parents of adopted adults may apply for a copy of the original birth registration, the amended birth registration, and the Adoption Order.
- Birth parents and adopted adults may choose to file a disclosure veto or a no-contact declaration.

Yukon will continue to operate a registry and complete searches on behalf of adopted adults and parents named on the original birth registration.

Individuals adopted after the new law comes into effect and their parents by birth will enjoy unrestricted access to the original and amended birth registrations once the adoptee reaches the age of 19. They may file a no-contact declaration.

Yukon joins BC, Newfoundland, Alberta, and Ontario as Canada's fifth open records jurisdiction. The ACC is thrilled that another Canadian jurisdiction has recognized that adopted adults and their original parents require access to this information.