

# Families are Changing...

SINGLE PARENTS

step-parents

foster families

adoptive families

multi-racial families

non-traditional families



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## Promoting Racial and Cultural Tolerance from an *Adoption Perspective*



**"Kids Are Great!" puppet show**

Presented by...  Children's Bridge

# Diversity...

Diversity in families is a reality today, therefore developing a positive attitude towards differences is important for every child.



Families are any combination of two or more persons who are bound together over time by ties of mutual consent, birth and/or adoption or placement.

## Through education we can:

- Help our teachers manage these differences
- Teach our children to respect these differences
- Decrease racism and bullying

# Differences...

## Learning about Differences:

The medium of adoption is used to highlight different types of families, especially those where children look different from their parents.



Cultural and familial differences are identified in a positive way. The effects of teasing on elementary school children will be clearly identified.

Life size colourful puppets will promote a positive attitude regarding these differences in an engaging and entertaining manner.



# Challenges...

## Meeting the Curriculum:

Our program will assist schools in teaching about Traditions and Celebrations as required in the Ontario Curriculum for Social Studies: Heritage and Citizenship: Grade 2.

## Challenges Facing Educators:

- Should an adopted child be encouraged to share his story with classmates?
- How do children understand adoption at different ages and stages of development?
- How do I speak about adoption with a child in a comfortable manner?
- How can I be helpful when children experience negative remarks from classmates who don't understand adoption or familial differences?
- How do I adapt classroom assignments to accommodate the adopted child or one from a non-traditional family?

We'll provide you with a complete resource kit, full of information and ideas to help manage these issues.

# Children's Bridge...



Children's Bridge, the largest adoption agency in English Canada, is a non-profit, federally incorporated and provincially licensed organization.

Run primarily by adoptive parents, with professional staff supporting our effort, we help families who wish to adopt from the People's Republic of China, South Korea, Thailand, India and Kazakhstan. Children's Bridge also offers a wide range of pre and post adoption services. The school age program, a new venture for us, is one that we believe will bring great benefit to the community at large. If you are interested in scheduling a presentation at your school or for further information, please contact:

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<http://www.cbfoundation.com>

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