

# RECRUITMENT NEWS

*This is an excerpt from the MARE newsletter regarding the adoption tax credit and the recently passed legislation.*

*--Adoption Option Inc*

## ADOPTION TAX CREDIT MADE PERMANENT Credit remains flat, but is now non-refundable

The adoption tax credit allows adoptive parents to deduct adoption expenses from their federal taxes. This includes all expenses related to a legal adoption. As 2012 came to a close, many advocates and adoptive families were concerned with the outcome of the credit since it was expected to expire December 31, 2012.

On January 2, 2013, Congress passed the American Tax Payer Relief Act. It ensured the adoption tax credit to be permanent. The credit will remain flat for special needs adoptions; meaning qualifying individuals will be able to claim maximum credit regardless of their expenses, which will be at least \$12,650 per adopted child for the 2013 year.

While permanence of this credit comes as great news there is one major change that will affect many families. The Tax credit is now non-refundable, which is a change from tax years 2010 and 2011, meaning only individuals who have tax liability will benefit.

Current updates regarding the Adoption Tax credit are shared via MARE's social media pages as they are made available. For further information regarding this subject please visit the following websites:

[Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\)](#)

[North American Council on Adoptable Children \(NACAC\)](#)

[Adopt Us Kids](#)

[Save the Adoption Tax Credit](#)

NOTE: Adoptive families should always consult with a tax professional regarding their individual circumstances.

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