

Under current law, Utahns who are unmarried and cohabitate (live together in a romantic relationship) can not foster, adopt, or share parenting duties with their partners. This effectively bans gay and lesbian couples - even relatives of the children who are to be adopted or fostered - from performing this critical familial and social service.

During the 2008 Legislative Session, sympathetic activists and elected officials will attempt to rectify this destructive restriction by deleting the cohabiting restriction from the code, so that the best interests of children take priority.

On March 4, the ACLU of Utah will screen the short documentary "Freedom to Parent: Lesbian and Gay Families," a highly personal exploration of the rights of lesbian and gay individuals to parent, produced by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Kenneth Choe, Senior Staff Attorney with the ACLU's National Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender & AIDS Project, will introduce and lead a discussion about the film. Mr. Choe is currently working on the case of a Georgia woman, who has been caring for a seven-year old girl at the request of the child's biological mother. A judge denied her adoption request, and had the child removed from her home, when he learned that the woman was a lesbian.

# Freedom to Parent

## A Film Screening & Public Dialogue

Hosted by the ACLU of Utah



# MARCH 4, 2008

## 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Salt Lake Public Library  
Main Branch (210 E. 400 S.)

Fourth Floor Conference Room

Free and open to the public  
Light refreshments provided

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[www.acluutah.org/0304freedomtoparent.htm](http://www.acluutah.org/0304freedomtoparent.htm)



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