

Look below for information from Attorney Erin Smith about dotting all the "i's" and crossing all the "t's" in foreign adoptions. Plus, as always, we also provide a new monthly mind game and information about our firm's blog.

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## June 2017 News

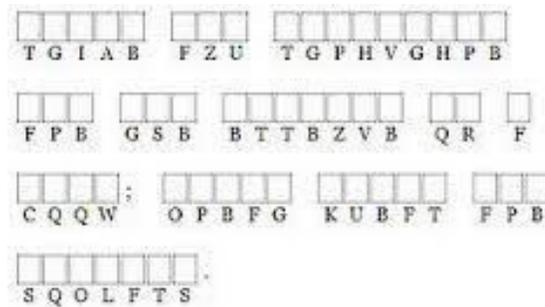
### Domestication of Foreign Adoptions in Virginia



The adoption process can occur internationally or domestically. Inter-country adoption occurs when a child from a foreign country is adopted by parents from another country. Each country and state has its own rules with respect to the adoption process. Many countries, including the United States, are part of The Hague Adoption Convention, and in those countries, families are required to use an accredited adoption agency to obtain an IH-3 Visa. This Visa allows the adopted child to become a naturalized citizen. 1 However, for adoptive parents who are United States citizens, the adoption of their child in a foreign country is not an automatic vehicle to U.S. citizenship...

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### Monthly Mind Game



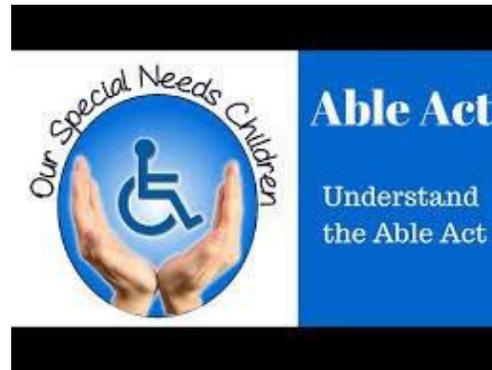
This month's mind game is a classic puzzle: the Cryptogram. This type of puzzle was originally used to protect military or personal secrets, but has become a fun and popular game. Click [here](#) to see if you can break the code by replacing each of the letters with another letter.

Remember, there is evidence that doing a variety of puzzles which strengthen different parts of your brain can help delay or prevent dementia. Taking even just a few minutes a day to exercise your brain in a new way can help decrease your likelihood of developing this debilitating disease.

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## In Case You Missed It Last Time...

### Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act



With so many people being diagnosed with a variety of special needs, we want to highlight a federal law that allows you to set aside money to provide for your loved ones without making them ineligible for government programs such as Medicaid or SSI.

Click [here](#) to read TPC founder Helena S. Mock's recent blog post on the ABLE Act to educate yourself on this relatively new law. Have you missed reading one of our weekly blog posts in the past? Get caught up with all the goings-on at The Peninsula Center through our [Blog Archive!](#)

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