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Rainbow families in Switzerland one step closer to equality

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The Network of European LGBT Families Associations (NELFA) joins the rainbow families of Switzerland today, 13 December 2012, in celebrating the decision by the Swiss National Council (lower house) to extend second-parent adoption rights to same-sex couples (i.e. the possibility to adopt the partner's legal child). With 113 votes in favour and only 64 votes against, the Swiss deputies have sent a clear message: Our children deserve the same legal protection as any other child.

Our Swiss member, DV Regenbogenfamilien/Familles Arc-en-ciel, and their allies, have played a very important role in making this happen. We thank them for all their efforts!

This decision represents a significant positive step in bringing equality to all families in Switzerland. Of course, NELFA and its members would like to see full adoption rights extended to same-sex couples in the near future, going beyond the right to second-parent adoption.

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