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The self regulatory nature of marketing to children means that it is difficult to decipher the rules as they apply to traditional methods such as TV advertising, and the new digital technologies now available.

In this month's issue of *childRIGHT*, **Agnes Nairn** and **Ed Mayo** explore whether there is a need for specific regulation of online advertising to children.

In another feature, **Julia Feast** of the **British Association for Adoption and Fostering** argues for a change in the way that the births of donor conceived children is registered.

She writes: "The donor conceived are the only group of people whose birth certification provides incomplete and inaccurate information. Those donor conceived adults who are aware of their status, together with a number of academics and professionals in the field, believe that this is unacceptable, especially in light of the increasingly well established role of genetics."

And in this month's commentary, **Holly Rogalski** and **Christina Szurlej** present their arguments for the amendment of the criminal process in England to include special measures for child witnesses.

Simple steps such as questioning child witnesses in a judge's chambers, and a greater investigatory role for judges could go a long way towards helping vulnerable young people cope with rigorous questioning in the criminal trial process.

All of this, as well as a monthly roundup of news, legal cases, new legislation, consultations, and book reviews can be found in the June 2009 issue of **childRIGHT** out now.

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- The Children's Legal Centre opened in 1981 and is staffed by lawyers and professionals with experience in child law. The Centre is funded by grants from Central Government and by charitable trusts.

The Children's Legal Centre provides the following services:

- Education Law and Advocacy Unit
- Children's Law department
- International Section (The International Section also hosts the Children and Armed Conflict Unit -a joint project with the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex)

- Publications
- Research and Consultancy
- Refugee and Asylum-Seeking Children's Project
- **Young people's free phone number:** 0800 783 2187.
- **National Education Line** - Community Legal Services - 0845 345 4345. You can also contact us by email at nel@essex.ac.uk and we will endeavour to call you back within 24 hours.
- **Child Law Advice Line:** 0845 120 2948 (advice for parents on legal issues) Lines open Mon-Fri 9.00 am - 5.00 pm. Please note that the Children's Legal Centre does not provide advice on criminal offences/juvenile justice.

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