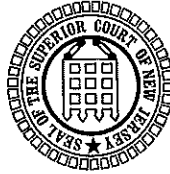


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Passaic Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

Passaic Vicinage will celebrate Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 16 at 9 a.m. Approximately 20 adoptions will be finalized.

Following the adoptions, a ceremony will be held in the Passaic Vicinage Jury Assembly Room, on the third floor of the Passaic County Courthouse at 401 Grand St., Paterson. After the ceremony, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), the Passaic County Surrogate's Office, the Passaic County Bar Association, the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the Passaic Vicinage Family Division will host a reception.

"We look forward to this, the 13th year for National Adoption Day and the sixth in Passaic County, as an opportunity to open our hearts and courtroom doors to finalize and celebrate the adoptions of children from foster care," said Assignment Judge Donald J. Volkert Jr.

To mark National Adoption Day, an Adoption Day Awareness Fair will be held at Paterson's Center City Mall on Thursday, Nov. 17 from noon to 2 p.m. Representatives from the family division, DCP&P, CASA, and the surrogate's office will provide information about the adoption process.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions and to celebrate families who adopt. Passaic Vicinage established its adoption celebration in 2007.

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Adoption proceedings are not open to the public. Reporters and photographers are invited to attend the celebration event, where families who have agreed to be interviewed and/or photographed will be available after their adoption proceedings conclude. Call June Zieder at 973-247-8651 for more information.