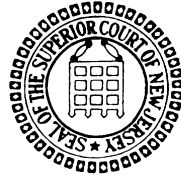


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Monmouth Vicinage Observes Adoption Day

In celebration of National Adoption Day, the Monmouth Vicinage will hold a program on Friday, Nov. 21, at 1:30 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room in the lower level of the west wing of the Monmouth County Courthouse, 71 Monument Park, Freehold.

Adoptions will be finalized for more than 20 children. Some of the adoptions are arranged through the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P).

Monmouth Vicinage Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton will give remarks at the program. Ryan Green, an adoptive parent who works as a school social worker on the child study team for the Franklin Township Public Schools in Somerset County, will also speak.

Information about the adoption process will be available. The public also will be able to speak with staff from the Monmouth County Surrogate's Office and DCP&P about adopting children in foster care. If interested in becoming a licensed foster/adoptive parent, call 1-877-NJFOSTER.

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Although adoptions are closed to the public, reporters may make arrangements to interview selected families after their adoptions conclude. Call Janet Slocum or Delia Foster at 732-677-4213 for details.