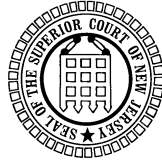


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Hudson Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

The Hudson Vicinage Family Division will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 21. This marks the vicinage's seventh consecutive year of participation.

Adoption proceedings for 25 children and their families will take place at the Hudson County Administration Building, 595 Newark Ave., Jersey City. Superior Court Judges Mark J. Nelson, Mirtha Ospina, and Lois Lipton will preside.

The families will attend a celebration in the fourth floor jury room of the Administration Building after the adoptions are completed. The celebration will be hosted by the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) and the Court Appointed Special Advocates, with contributions from the United Way, United Parcel Service, Goya Foods, Inc., CarePoint Health, and Liberty Science Center.

The festivities will continue the following day at the Liberty Science Center for all families who have finalized adoptions during the year. A total of 77 adoptions will have been finalized in 2014.

National Adoption Day is an annual event that seeks to raise public awareness of children in foster care who are waiting to find permanent and loving families. Courts and communities across the country conduct programs to finalize adoptions of children in foster care and to celebrate the adoptive families.

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Adoption proceedings are not open to the public. Reporters and photographers are invited to attend the celebration event from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Families who have agreed to be interviewed and/or photographed will be available after their adoption proceedings conclude. Contact DCP&P representative Lizette Mateo at 201- 863-3179 x 2208 for additional information.