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Morris/Sussex Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

The Morris/Sussex Vicinage will celebrate Adoption Day in Morris County on Friday, Nov. 17 at noon on the fifth floor of the Administration and Records Building, 10 Court St., Morristown.

Speakers will include Family Presiding Judge Maritza Berdote Byrne and Judge Michael E. Hubner, a representative from the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) and an adoptive family. Judge Hubner will preside over eight adoptions. A reception for adoptive families and guests that with activities for the children will follow the program.

The vicinage is co-hosting the event with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families and the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Morris and Sussex Counties (CASA).

The vicinage previously held an Adoption Day ceremony in Sussex County on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Judge Michael C Gaus finalized six private adoptions and four DCP&P adoptions. DCP&P, CASA, the Sussex County Surrogate's Office and the Office of Sussex County Law Guardians participated.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states join to finalize thousands of adoptions and to celebrate families who adopt.

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Although adoptions are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families after the proceedings. Contact Dawn Carruth, assistant family division manager in Morris County at 973-656-4311 or Theresa Mahoney, assistant family division manager in Sussex County at 973-579-0610.