

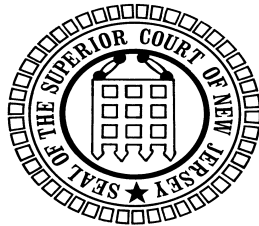
**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
ESSEX VICINAGE**

CHANCERY DIVISION, Family Part

Robert N. Wilentz Court Complex
212 Washington Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102
973-776-9300

Amy K. DePaul
Trial Court Administrator

Karen D. Smith
Family Division Manager



Liana Dinallo
Assistant Family Division Manager

Kesha Manning
Assistant Family Division Manager

Keisha Walker
Assistant Family Division Manager

Joseph Wright
Assistant Family Division Manager

For additional information contact:
Liana Dinallo, AFDM
Phone 973-776-9300, ext. 56626

For immediate release:
Nov.14, 2017

Essex Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day 2017

The Essex Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the Wilentz Justice Complex, 212 Washington St., Newark.

“Adoption Day is a joyous occasion when children are permanently joined with their forever families. They are able to flourish in the loving environment they deserve,” Assignment Judge Sallyanne Floria said. “All those involved work together to make the event memorable for the families.”

Judge Floria, Family Division Presiding Judge David B. Katz and Judges James Paganelli, Linda Lordi Cavanaugh, Nora Grimbergen and Carolyn Murray will preside over more than 30 adoptions. Law clerks, family division staff and the Essex Vicinage Interpreting Unit also will participate.

Following the hearings, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will host brunch for the families at the Rutgers School of Law-Newark, 123 Washington St., Newark. The celebration will include a magician, face painter, balloon artist, gifts for the children, plants for each family and photos.

This is the vicinage’s 15th consecutive year of participation in Adoption Day, an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states join to finalize thousands of adoptions and to celebrate families who adopt.

Coordination of the event is made possible by the efforts of the court, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), CASA, the Essex County Surrogate’s Office and Rutgers University School of Law. Volunteers include representatives from Junior League of Montclair/ Newark, Seton Hall University and Jet Blue Cares/Newark.

Although adoption hearings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families upon conclusion of their adoption proceedings. For further information, contact Assistant Family Division Manager Liana Dinallo at 973-776-9300, ext. 56626.