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New Jersey Judiciary Recognizes National Adoption Day

The New Jersey Judiciary is recognizing National Adoption Day with events across the state throughout the month, including court proceedings to finalize the adoptions of children who have been in foster care.

The events begin on Wednesday, Nov. 14 in Middlesex, Salem and Sussex counties and continue on Thursday, Nov. 15 with adoption hearings in Cape May and Monmouth counties. The majority of events will take place on Friday, Nov. 16.

During these events, adoptions will be finalized for hundreds of children, including approximately 220 who were in foster care and under the supervision of the state Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

National Adoption Day, on Nov. 17 this year, 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 give permanent homes to children who need them.

A list of events can be found here and will be updated regularly.

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Although adoption proceedings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families after the hearings have concluded. Those interested in making arrangements should contact the vicinage sponsoring the event they want to cover.