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Mercer Vicinage to Celebrate National Adoption Day

The Mercer Vicinage, in conjunction with the state Division of Child Protection and Permanency and the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Mercer County, will host its 12th annual Adoption Day program on Friday, Nov. 15.

The program will begin with adoption proceedings in the Civil Courthouse, 175 S. Broad St., Trenton. Superior Court Judges Wayne J. Forrest and Rodney Thompson will conduct the proceedings. After the proceedings, the families will enjoy a breakfast buffet.

The celebration continues Saturday, Nov. 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Team 85 Fitness and Wellness, 8500 K. Johnson Blvd., Bordentown Township. Adopting families and their children will enjoy snacks and activities provided by One Simple Wish, New Jersey Adoption Resource Clearing House, the Mercer County Bar Association, and Team 85.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions. The event seeks to raise awareness of the importance of adoption and to recognize caregivers who have chosen to open their homes to children in need.

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Although adoption proceedings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families after their proceedings conclude. Contact Rebecca Kenyon at 609-571-4200, ext. 74381 for more information.