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Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren Vicinage to Celebrate Adoption Day

The Somerset/Hunterdon/ Warren Vicinage will hold its annual Adoption Day program on Friday, Nov. 22 at the Hunterdon County Courthouse, 65 Park Ave., Flemington.

Adoption proceedings for 11 children and their families will begin at 1 p.m. and will be officiated by Family Division Presiding Judge Kimarie Rahill and Superior Court Judge Julie Marino. A reception with lunch, craft tables, family photos, and face painting will be held in the jury assembly room following the proceedings.

The vicinage's Adoption Day program is co-hosted by the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P); the Court Appointed Special Advocates program for Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren; the Somerset County Bar Foundation; the Hunterdon and Somerset county bar associations; and the surrogates offices in Hunterdon and Warren counties. The Hunterdon/Somerset/Warren area office of DCP&P and the Hunterdon and Somerset county bar associations will provide gifts to the children.

"Frequently, the work of the family division centers around the difficult issues facing society. Adoption Day is a day filled with celebration, love and affection. It is less about adding a child to your family, and more about giving your family to a child," Judge Rahill said.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions of children and to celebrate families who adopt. Those interested in becoming a licensed foster/adoptive parent should call 1-877-NJFOSTER.

Although adoption hearings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families upon conclusion of the adoption proceedings. For further information, contact team leader Marybeth Evers at 908-750-8100, ext. 13191.

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