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Sacramento Superior Court to Host National Adoption Day Event

Sacramento, CA — Sacramento Superior Court will finalize and celebrate the adoptions of children from foster care on Friday, Nov. 22.

Adoption Day is an opportunity to increase public awareness of the need for adoptive parents and educate prospective adoptive parents about the adoption process. It is also a time to celebrate local families who have opened their lives to children needing permanent homes.

"Every child deserves the love and connection of a supportive family, and we are delighted to host this annual adoption day event," said Judge Kristina Lindquist, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court. "Courthouses are often stressful places to visit, but this is a special opportunity to witness love and joy."

Adoption Day in Sacramento County is a collaborative effort between multiple agencies.

"I am proud of the hard work our court staff and community partners put into this successful event, as well as the collaboration, dedication, and care they put into every single case throughout the year," said Judge Lindquist.

This Nov. 22, judges and court staff will be joined by community partners, including the Department of Child and Family Adult Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Sacramento (CASA), Children's Law Center of Sacramento, Sacramento Sheriff's Department Youth Services Unit, Sacramento Public Library, Soroptimist International

of Elk Grove, Zeta Phi Beta and Wayfinder to bring together those families participating in adoption proceedings that day.

"All children deserve to have a family and strong connections for life. Adoption is a great work of love and provides a child the opportunity to develop secure attachments and be supported to achieve optimal physical and emotional growth and health overall," Sacramento County's Deputy Director of Child Protective Services Melissa Lloyd said of adoption.

Adoption Day festivities will include scheduled adoption proceedings, refreshments, and activities for children, such as face painting, family photos, balloons, and more.

The event will be held at the Juvenile Courthouse, 9605 Kiefer Boulevard, Sacramento. Activities begin at 1:30 p.m. and conclude at about 3 p.m.

"We are glad to celebrate the adoptions that are occurring today, but we should also take this time to reflect that there are many more children and youth who are still looking for permanent homes," Judge Lindquist said. "It is important to raise awareness of the need in our community for additional foster and adoptive families."

In California, Adoption Day events are also set for Nov. 15 at the San Francisco Superior Court, Nov. 21 at the Amador Superior Court, and Nov. 22 at the Superior Courts in Kern, Kings, Santa Clara, San Diego, and San Mateo counties; and Nov. 23 at the Los Angeles Superior Court.

The press is invited to Adoption Day 2024. While adoption proceedings are confidential, a location will be available for press interviews.

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