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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 Saturday, Nov. 4.

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

"Our last National Adoption Day event occurred in 2019, and was extremely successful," said Sacramento Superior Court's Juvenile Court Presiding Judge Dena Coggins. "We are excited to bring this wonderful event back to Sacramento County."

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

"I am so proud of the hard work and collaboration of our community partners to ensure the event remains a success," said Judge Coggins. "Through their partnership, we are able to celebrate and solidify forever families and bring awareness to the importance of permanency for children and youth."

This Nov. 4, 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, Children's Law Center of Sacramento, Sacramento Sheriff's Department Youth Services Unit, 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," Sacramento County's Deputy Director of Child Protective Services Melissa Lloyd said of adoption. "The goal of permanency is to provide a child the opportunity to develop secure attachments which can promote more positive educational and social outcomes, create a stronger sense of independence, allow children to have a stronger sense of self, and promote a child's optimal physical and emotional growth and health overall."

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 William R. Ridgeway Family Relation Courthouse, located at 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento. Activities are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 11 a.m.

"Adoption Day brings national attention to the significant number of children and youth who remain in foster care awaiting their forever home," said Judge Coggins. "On this day, we hope you join us to celebrate the children and youth that will become members of a permanent loving family and to raise awareness of the need for adoptive families."

The press is invited to Adoption Day 2023. While adoption proceedings are confidential, there will be a location made available for families who choose to share their personal stories with the press and may be interviewed.