

## **INFORMATION ON ADOPTION**

The Monmouth Vicinage Family Division works closely with the Surrogate's Office to finalize adoptions. The Surrogate's Office is responsible for reviewing and filing all documents and supporting papers, including orders for adoption hearings and final judgments for adoption. Their office ensures that the procedural requirements of the New Jersey Statutes and Court Rules are met and that court proceedings are scheduled in a timely manner. The types of adoptions that are finalized at the Monmouth Vicinage include adult, agency, foreign, private, relative, and stepparent adoption.

For further information on adoption, you can contact the Monmouth Vicinage Family Division at 732-677-4313 or Bonnie Petrula of the Surrogate's Office at 732-409-4808 or at [bpetrula@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:bpetrula@co.monmouth.nj.us). Information is also available by visiting Monmouth County's website [www.visitmonmouth.com/surrogate](http://www.visitmonmouth.com/surrogate) and then clicking on Adoption Information.