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Essex judges and staff volunteer for National Adoption Day

Seven Essex County judges will be in their courtrooms on Saturday morning to conduct adoption hearings for as many as 100 children. The special Saturday session is timed to honor National Adoption Day, November 20.

This will mark the fourth year judges and staff from the Essex County Family Division of Superior Court volunteered to open the courts on Saturday to participate in National Adoption Day. In the steady flow of cases, each judge is scheduled to handle 15 to 20 adoptions. Law clerks and other court staff have volunteered to be on hand to assist the judges.

Answering the call to preside over the National Adoption Day proceedings will be Judge Glenn A. Grant, presiding judge of the Family Division, Judge Benjamin R. Cohen, Judge Sallyanne Floria, Judge Craig R. Harris, Judge Peter V. Ryan, Judge Nancy Sivilli, and Judge Thomas P. Zampino.

For the children, the happy occasion will mark the creation of a new family. The parental rights of the children's natural parents were terminated and New Jersey's Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) has been overseeing their cases.

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Courtrooms are not open to the press for adoption proceedings.

DYFS has made arrangements for selected families to be available for interviews and photos/video. Call Joe Delmar, DYFS press office at 609-292-3703 - office or 609-802-3066 - cell.

