



# Superior Court of California

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## **VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT CELEBRATES COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH**

The Ventura Superior Court will celebrate "Court Adoption and Permanency Month" with a special adoption calendar on Friday, November 18, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom J1 at the Juvenile Courthouse in El Rio. Adoptions will be finalized for several children and Certificates of Family Membership will be presented. The event is open to the public and the media.

Every year, the Judicial Council of California proclaims November as a month dedicated to further improving the administration of justice for proceedings involving children and families. Throughout the month, the Ventura Superior Court places an extra emphasis on permanency planning and adoptions.

Nearly half a million incidents of child abuse and neglect are reported each year in California. More than 22,000 children enter foster care, and almost 60,000 children are living apart from their families in out-of-home care. Nearly 40 percent of the children in foster care in California have been away from their families in out-of-home care for two or more years. Of the more than 31,000 children leaving foster care in 2010, 51 percent were reunited with their families and 20 percent were adopted.

Information on the adoption process can be obtained by calling the County of Ventura Human Services Agency at (805) 240-2759. Ask for the Adoptions Officer of the Day.

The Juvenile Courthouse is located at the Judge Steven Z. Perren Juvenile Justice Complex, 4353 E. Vineyard Avenue, El Rio.

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