



NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

On Friday, November 22, 2013, the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families and The Massachusetts Trial Court, Juvenile Court and Probate and Family Court together with the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange will celebrate the 11th annual statewide celebration of National Adoption Day with the adoption of 160 children by loving families here in Massachusetts. In addition to sponsoring these adoptions, The Department of Children and Families seeks to bring awareness to other families throughout the Commonwealth of the option of adopting from foster care.

For children in foster care, National Adoption Day signifies hope. Currently, there are 600 children and youth waiting and hoping to find loving, permanent homes in Massachusetts. Children in the care of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) who are currently awaiting adoption vary in age and come from diverse ethnic, linguistic, and economic backgrounds. Likewise, adoptive families come from diverse backgrounds. Adoptive parents do not have to be married, wealthy, or have a specific education or background.

For more information about adopting through the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, please call 1-800-KIDS-508 or visit www.mass.gov/dcf.