



2011 Events and Activities

Atlanta Events

- Nov. 1st Operation Permanency Statewide Kick Off
- Nov. 5th **16th Annual Adoption Celebration**
United Methodist Children's Home, 500 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA
11:00pm – 2:00pm
Event Details:
Families are invited to attend the Celebration of Adoption event to learn more about adoption or celebrate their adoption experience. Food, games and activities for children will be provided.
- Nov. 8th Heart Gallery Shoot North Georgia – Gwinnett
Heart Gallery Shoot Middle Georgia – Macon

Photo/Video shoot planned for children participating in the Operation Permanency Initiative. Other children free for adoption in need of photos will also be able to attend the event.
- Nov. 16th **National Adoption Month Fair and Heart Gallery Display**
Sam Nunn Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303, Building Lobby
10am to 2pm

Event Details: Display will feature children currently waiting for adoptive families. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about adoption and foster care and distribute information.
- Nov. 19th **10th Annual Fulton County Juvenile Court Adoption Day**
Romae T. Powell Juvenile Justice Center, 395 Pryor Street, Atlanta, GA 30312
8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Event Details: Doors will open on Saturday to finalize adoptions for 20 + foster children, beginning with breakfast, a welcoming program for the children and families followed by adoption finalization

This year will mark the 11th National Adoption Day observance. In Georgia, Fulton County Juvenile Court has participated in this event for the past 8 years. It is expected that over 20 adoptions will be finalized that day. For more information on National Adoption Day, visit

www.nationaladoptionday.org

Nov TBD **Adoption Month Proclamation Signing and Reception,**
State Capital, Downtown Atlanta, GA

Region 1

Adoption Candlelight Vigil

Nov. 19th, 5:30 p. m.

Dalton First Baptist Church

Chris McDaniel, singer from the band, The Confederate Railroad, will be the guest speaker and singer. He has contacted his group to try to write a special song for the event. We know that he will sing, "The Prodigal." He is an adoptee and will speak of his blessings through adoption. Ashley Davis, an adult adoptee will also speak and share information about the 30 children we have available in our region without an adoptive home. We will light 30 candles for the awareness of these 30 children. Everyone attending will also have a candle to light to represent these children. Information will be available for those attending on how they can help recruit a family for these children. Cake and punch will be served courtesy of Cosco.

Region 2

Hall

Hall County is going to distribute awareness and information to local businesses throughout the community during the entire month of November. The local businesses will post and/or pass out this information to their customers.

Region 3

Floyd

Broad Street Celebrations Adoption Day!!!!

Nov. 25th

Broad street businesses will wear DFCS t-shirts and distribute recruitment materials in their businesses to attract attention of the after Thanksgiving shopping crowds

Ongoing Displays:

Cart in the mall with adoption information, flyers and decorations for November

PSA on local radio promoting foster care and adoption

Paulding

Display at the Public Library in Dallas to celebrate National Adoption Month during the month of November.

Foster parents will be speaking about fostering and adopting at several local Churches during the month of November.

Bartow

County plans to blanket the community with information on fostering and adoption.

Region 5

Monroe

Adoption Month Celebration

First Christian Church, 206 Hammond Drive, Monroe, GA 30655

November 16th 6pm

Event Details:

Celebration honoring adoptive parents in the county. Speaker for the event: Danny Stevens. Please bring anyone interested in fostering or adopting. Invitation only (unless accompanied by foster or adoptive parent).

Region 6

All Counties in Region 6

Adoption Gathering: Bowling Event

The Gold Cup

November 7, 2011 at 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Open to only invited families and R6 children who are free for adoption.

Event Details: Children free for adoption and families desiring to adopt are invited to this event to mingle and get to know the children who are free for adoption in Region 6.

RSVP by November 3rd or for more information contact: Alissa Kautz email:

akautz@dhr.state.ga.us, phone: 478-319-7331

Region 7

Burke Co DFCS

National Adoption Month Local Recognition

November 3, 2011 at 6 pm – invitation only

Event Details: The Dailey Family and Jackson Family (Adoptive Parents of The Long Children) will be recognized with a plaque at a Banquet for all active Foster/Adoptive Parents of Burke Co.

Hancock/Taliaferro

National Adoption Month Local Recognition

November 10, 2011 at 5 pm- invitation only

Event Details: Mary Rutherford will be recognized with a plaque at a Banquet for all Foster/Adoptive Parents of Hancock/Taliaferro Co.

Richmond County

The following events will be ongoing throughout the month of November:

Display table in Richmond County DFCS Lobby with Balloon Bouquet-one balloon represent each child adopted this year

Bulletin Board in Richmond County DFCS with balloons to represent children adopted this year

Display at a Main Library on Greene Street

Adoption Sunday-Send letter about National Adoption Month to area churches asking that they read it during their announcements on Sundays during the month of November.

Thank you cards to the adoptive families that were finalized this year.

Jefferson/ Glascock Counties

Ongoing Media Presence:

NAM Letter will be sent to the editors of local papers

Proclamation signing by Commissioner in each county

Public Service Announcement on Radio

Church Bulletins to area churches

Columbia County

Local churches to pass out bulletins during Sunday service throughout the month of November announcing NAM with the inquiry number.

McDuffie County

Bulletin board will be featured in lobby of DFCS/Health Dept. The display will include children adopted during this year.

Churches will be asked to include a NAM bulletin during November

Wilkes County

Bulletin board will be featured in lobby of DFCS/Health Dept. The display will include children adopted during this year.

Churches will be asked to include a NAM bulletin during November

Warren County

Sportsman Festival

November 12, 9 am to 3 pm, Main Street, Warrenton GA

Open to public
DFCS will hand out information regarding Adoption

Lincoln County

NAM Letter will be sent to the editors of local papers.
Churches will be asked to include a NAM bulletin during November

Screven/Jenkins County

Adoption Info Session & Dinner

Date, Time, Place: November 16th @ 6:00 p.m. at Screven DFCS
Invitation Only

Region 9

Evans County

Evans County Chicken Pickin' Festival & Car Show

Information Booth
11/12/2011

Laurens County

Festival of Trees, Dubose Porter Center, Oconee Fall Line Technical College
(November and December)

Carl Vinson VA Center

Announcement on Electronic Sign

Adoption Month Proclamation Signing

Wayne County

Information table at two local job fairs

Laurens County, Wheeler County, Toombs County

Local Library Displays

Region 10

Region 10 plans to have a media presence throughout the month of November this will include:

Newspapers: Adoption Month Article

1. Albany Herald/Dougherty County
2. Moultrie Observer/Colquitt County
3. Times Enterprise/Thomas County
4. The Southern Tribune/Calhoun County

5. Citizens New/Calhoun County
6. Early county News/Early County
7. Miller County Liberal/Miller County
8. Cairo Messenger/Grady County
9. Post Light Search/Decatur County

Radio: Stations have agreed to run an Adoption Month PSA

WPAX-AM Thomas County
WTUF Thomas County

Region 11

Regional Annual Candle Light Vigils

Each County Mayor will sign and present the Adoption Month Proclamations to their DFCS agency.

In Lowndes Co on November 12, 2011 @ 6pm at Lowndes Co Courthouse (Brooks, Lanier and Echols Co will participate)

In Charlton Co on November 15, 2011 @ 6pm at Charlton Co Courthouse
During the same time, feature an adoptive family article w/ picture in local newspaper

In Ware Co on November 17, 2011 @ 6pm at Ware Co Courthouse (Brantley, Pierce, Bacon, Clinch, Atkinson, Coffee Co will participate)

In Tift Co on November 28, 2011 @ 6:30pm at Northside Baptist Church Tifton, GA
(Berrien, Irwin, Turner, Cook, Ben Hill Co will participate)

Coffee Co will run 4 weekly family articles for the month of November for recruitment of adoptive/ foster families.

Ben Hill Co will place an insert for National Adoption Month in two local large churches in the community. Place ink pens in some local business along with some brochures. Move around the foster to adopt signs in the community. Place signs at some local business in town. Hand out promotional items in the community during the month.

Brooks Co will place NAM posters in the schools for recruitment of adoptive/ foster families and to bring awareness to NAM.

Region 11 staff will wear promotional T-Shirt for NAM

To promote awareness for the need of adoptive and foster/ adopt homes for GA's children and to celebrate National Adoption Month.

Region 12

Chatham

One Church/One Child Luncheon

11/10 @ 11:30 a.m.

This is an annual event held in November at local church in Savannah to recognize/honor hard work of case managers. It is not open to the public.

Region 13

Fulton County

Adoption Month Display

November 2, 2011, 5pm to 7pm

Roswell Branch Library, 115 Norcross Street, Roswell, GA 30075

Event Details: Display will feature children currently waiting for adoptive families. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about adoption and foster care and distribute information.

“The Greatest in the Kingdom”, Community Partners Working Together for Our Children”

November 5, 2011, 10:00 am

Fulton County DFCS Fairburn Road Office

Event Details:

The goal is to have representation from 50 faith-based and community organizations. Recruitment strategies will be discussed including providing staff for on site recruitment activities. Identified organizations will be assigned a Recruiter and a child that is waiting to be adopted. They will receive photo cards that include a descriptive summary of the child along with poster size photographs for display and distribution at their locations. The agenda will include a panel of speakers consisting of a young adult that aged out of foster care, a young adult that was adopted, and a foster parent that later adopted.

Adoption Awareness

November 9, 2011, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Nancy G’s Restaurant

4920 Roswell Road, Atlanta, GA 30342

Event Details: Display of foster care and adoption information will be placed in the lobby. FC/Adoption pens will be used by wait staff and provided to patrons.

Adoption Month Display

November 12, 2011, 10am – 2:00pm

17th Annual Project Village Health Fest

D. M. Therrell High School

3099 Panther Trail, Atlanta, GA 30311

Event Details: Display will feature children currently waiting for adoptive families. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about adoption and foster care and distribute information.

Adoption Awareness

November 12, 2011, 10:30am – noon

Parent Meeting for Girl Scouts

St Philip AME Church

240 Candler Road, Atlanta, GA 30317

Event Details: Staff will make presentation to group regarding the need for foster and adoptive families. Display will feature children currently waiting for adoptive families. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about adoption and foster care and distribute information.

Region 15

Gwinnett

Foster Care and Adoption Banners, car signs and posters will be displayed throughout the Region

Information booths will be set-up in 15 Gwinnett County libraries.

Region 17

Adoptive parents who have adopted in the past year will be recognized at each County's Foster Parents Association meeting in November