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## November is National Adoption Month

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) proudly joins in the celebration of November as National Adoptions Month across the United States. National Adoption month is set aside to raise awareness about the adoption of children and youth from foster care and to solicit and encourage foster and adoptive parents.

“Foster children are a priority to me, the Department, and the Schwarzenegger Administration,” said John Wagner, Director of CDSS. “CDSS joins our sister state departments throughout the United States as well as private agencies who toil endlessly in order to pursue permanent, loving families for foster children, including California’s approximately 75,000 foster children.”

There are many individuals and couples who are qualified to provide supportive, nurturing homes to foster children and every child in California deserves a safe, stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy families and strong role models. CDSS supports the need to ensure that the local communities and the public at-large understand the importance of what they can do as adoptive or foster parents.

Governor Schwarzenegger recently signed a series of bills that will create a food stamp program to assist youth transitioning out of the foster care system, provide housing for former foster youth working toward a higher education degree, ensure that California’s foster care system will have resources, and to help older foster children secure a safe and stable living environment.

CDSS wants everyone to know that they have an important role to play. Teamwork, led by social workers, caregivers, courts, families, service providers and members of the community is required to create a lifetime of love, belonging and family connection.

For more information on adoption or foster care, please visit the department’s Children and Family Services Division Web site, [www.childsworld.ca.gov](http://www.childsworld.ca.gov).

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