

First Northern Bank supports Yolo County foster care

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An orientation to foster care and adoption will be presented in Davis and West Sacramento this month.

The first is planned at 6 p.m. Wednesday in First Northern Bank's Conference Room at 508 Second St. in downtown Davis. The next one is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, in First Northern Bank's Conference Room at 1300 Harbor Blvd. in West Sacramento.

The public is encouraged to attend these free informational sessions; time will be allowed for questions of community members. Several local parents will share their foster care-to-adoption stories.

"All children deserve loving, permanent homes," a news release said. "That is the motivation behind Yolo County Board of Supervisors' recognition of November as National Foster Care to Adoption Month."

The Board of Supervisors, Yolo County Foster Family Association, Children's Alliance, First 5 Yolo and the Foster & Kinship Care Education Program at Woodland Community College are joining together to celebrate National Adoption Awareness Month in a local campaign to encourage families throughout the county to open their hearts and homes to children in foster care and to consider adoption from foster care.

More than 100,000 children in the U.S. foster care system are available for adoption, ranging from infants to teens.

"They entered foster care through no fault of their own, as victims of child abuse, neglect or abandonment and their parents' legal rights have been terminated," the news release said. "Each year, more children enter the system than are adopted.

"The typical child who has been freed for adoption is at least 8 years old, moves three or more times in foster care, may have been separated from siblings, and will wait several years or more for a permanent family.

"Yolo County wants to do better and hopes that you will consider becoming a foster or foster-to-adopt parent."

National Adoption Awareness Month, celebrated annually since 1990, works to increase the number of families willing to consider foster care and adoption and celebrates the unique joys of creating families through foster care adoption.

“We believe every child deserves a permanent home and that is why we actively encourage people in our community to consider opening their heart and home to a child in need,” said Cherie Schroeder, director of Foster & Kinship Care Education at Woodland Community College, in the news release. “There is a critical demand for local foster families for local children.”

“It is regular people — like my husband and I, who love kids, have space in our homes, are caring, flexible and willing — that make good quality foster parents,” added Adriana Perez, Yolo County foster/adoptive parent.

For more information about foster care and adoption from foster care, call Cherie Schroeder at (530) 574-1964. For general information, visit www.yolofostercare.com and watch the group’s video to learn more how fostering and adoption can change your life and that of a child in need of a permanent home and family.

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