



Resources

Help with planning and hosting a National Adoption Day celebration can be found in your local community, as well as these state and national resources:

1. **Washington State National Adoption Day Steering Committee** — Members can help you connect with a judge or court official, or with your local DSHS adoption workers, or with local adoptive families or adoption agencies, etc. This committee also has an extensive media outreach plan for events, fact sheets, speaking points, and so on. The committee's contact information is provided at the front of this section. Please call for any help you need!
2. **Nationaladoptionday.org** — The national organization, which consists of a group of children's welfare organizations, that started the nationwide event in 2000. This Web site has planning materials, templates, information on other events happening in Washington and around the U.S., background materials, and **order forms for free banners, free Nestle bunnies and low-cost teddy bears** (a teddy bear order form is contained in this toolkit in the "Materials" section).
3. **Free Cakes For Kids** — A volunteer group that bakes and decorates cakes at no cost for low-income families and worthy causes. Visit the Washington group at www.freecakesforkidssouthsound.com, and let them know it's for National Adoption Day.
4. **Foster Parent Association of Washington** — This group can help you invite local foster parents to your event, or may be available to help plan an event or provide an information booth. They can be reached at (800) 391-2273, or www.fpaws.org.
5. **Northwest Adoption Exchange** — A non-profit agency dedicated to helping facilitate adoption of foster and other children of special needs. They may be able to help you connect with adoptive families in your area, or help with your event in other ways. They can be reached at (800) 927-9411, or at www.nwae.org.
6. **DSHS Children's Administration adoption information Web page** — This site is a wealth of information and resources on foster adoption and all adoptions, including lists of adoption agencies and adoption support groups around Washington (click on "Resources"), steps and other information on adoption, links to many national resources, an adopted child's "Lifebook" that can be printed and reproduced, and much more. Find it at www1.dshs.wa.gov/adopt.
7. **Your local community groups and businesses** — Many community groups and businesses are happy to help plan or make small donations to such a positive event as National Adoption Day. Don't hesitate to call on them to help your event be as community-centered as possible!