

## 16 kids adopted into new families Wednesday in Santa Maria

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Some local kids have found their forever families in Santa Barbara County.

On Wednesday, 16 children were adopted by nine families in a packed Santa Barbara County juvenile courtroom.

There is an average of 400 children in foster care at any given time in Santa Barbara County, according to the Department of Social Services.

In some cases, adoptive parents like Milton Cargill of Lompoc, start out as foster parents and then to decide to keep the kids permanently.

"It's great and I really am glad that we we're able to get our daughter a forever home," Cargill said.

November is National Adoption Month. It's a nationwide effort to encourage families to embrace youth in our county's foster care system.

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