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## PRESS ADVISORY

### **Family Court to hold Screening of Award-Winning Documentary**

– *A profile of an inspiring young adopted girl, in recognition of National Adoption Month* –

**WHAT:** Screening and Discussion of *Off and Running*, directed by Nicole Opper

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, November 17, 2010 4:30-6:00pm**

**WHERE:** Moultrie Courthouse, Jurors' Lounge (Room 3100)  
500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.

*Off and Running*, directed by Nicole Opper, tells the story of Brooklyn teenager Avery, a track star with a bright future. She is the adopted African-American child of two white Jewish lesbian women. Her older brother is black and Puerto Rican and her younger brother is Korean. Though it may not look typical, Avery's household is like most American homes — until Avery writes to her birth mother and the response throws her into crisis. She struggles over her “true” identity, the circumstances of her adoption and her estrangement from black culture. Just when it seems as if her life is unraveling, Avery decides to pick up the pieces and make sense of her identity, with inspiring results.

The movie will begin promptly at 4:30, followed by a discussion session.

This event is in collaboration with PBS' award-winning documentary series “Point of View,” also known as POV. [According to the PBS website](#), “POV is television's longest-running showcase for independent non-fiction films. POV premieres 14-16 of the best, boldest and most innovative programs every year on PBS. Since 1988, POV has presented over 275 films to public television audiences across the country. POV films are known for their intimacy, their unforgettable storytelling and their timeliness, putting a human face on contemporary social issues.”

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