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Hamilton County Highlights Another Child Available for Adoption

Cincinnati (Dec. 3, 2007) A 15-year-old girl who likes attending church, playing basketball, going to the mall and listening to music is December's Adoptable Child at Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services.

Hamilton County is spotlighting some of the children it has available for adoption with monthly releases to local media.

Ashley is quiet, respectful, strong and independent. School is not one of her favorite places, but she does like to read. She describes herself as honest and helpful, with a good sense of humor.

Ashley would do well in a nurturing family that allows her some independence, while providing guidance and support. Ashley will need support in intermittent therapy and dealing with the separation and loss she has experienced.

"We're looking at innovative ways of getting our children before the public so we can find them safe, loving homes," said Moira Weir, director of the department. "Every child deserves a permanent home and we know there are hundreds of loving families throughout this community who would be willing to open up their doors and their hearts to our children."

Hamilton County currently has about 215 children available for adoption. The county's Children's Services division often must take custody of children who are the victims of abuse or neglect and cannot be safely reunited with their families.

About Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services

The Department of Job and Family Services administers federal, state and local programs for those in need. The Department helps with local child protection, adult protection, child care, tuberculosis control, child support enforcement, workforce development, cash assistance, food stamp disbursement and Medicaid disbursement. Servicing Hamilton County since 1947, the Department helps hundreds of thousands of residents each year. The Department of Job and Family Services is accredited by the Council on Accreditation, an international, independent, not-for-profit child and family service accrediting organization.