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Hamilton County to Host Hiring Fair in Hopes of Adding Children's Services Workers

Cincinnati (Sept. 14, 2007) Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services will host an upcoming hiring fair designed to attract recruits to join its Children's Services division, giving the agency more resources to protect children.

The department wants to hire 80 additional workers and plans to make on-the-spot offers at the fair, with an anticipated start date of mid-October.

"This is a different approach than anything we've tried before; we want to do a mass hiring so we can make a quick, appreciable increase in the number of eyes and ears we can put out in the community," Director Moira Weir said. "We're looking for hard-working people who are dedicated to children and care about making their corner of the world a better place."

By increasing the number of Children's Services workers, the department can reduce caseload size. Currently ongoing workers average 18 cases per worker. Intake workers average 25. The Child Welfare League of America recommends caseloads of 12-15.

Children's Services workers earn annual salaries between \$31,700 and \$52,700. To qualify as a Children's Services worker, an applicant must have at least a bachelor's degree in a program closely related to social work plus six months paid relevant experience, or a master's degree or bachelor's degree in a field non-related to social work plus 12 months paid relevant work experience. Applicants also qualify if they have a bachelor's degree in Social Work and successful completion of a three-quarter or two-semester senior year field placement at a public children's services agency. The degree must be awarded from an accredited college or university.

The Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 29 at the department's Taft office, 237 William Howard Taft Road. The department would like to receive and pre-screen applications before the event, however, to ensure the best use of time, Weir said.

The county will advertise with newspapers, radio, television and Web sites to attract recruits, along with direct mailings to professional social workers. Those interested should send their resumes to the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services, Human Resources, 222 E. Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, or apply online by going to www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/personnel/employmentapplication.asp.

"Child protection has received a lot of attention lately and we'd love to see that attention turn into a large group of determined, qualified, hard-working job candidates," Weir said.

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.