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**Hamilton County Begins Highlighting Children Available for Adoption**

**Cincinnati (Sept. 4, 2007)** Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services will begin spotlighting some of the children it has available for adoption with monthly releases to local media.

'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 200 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.

'We invite the media to help us spread the word about our children, so we can help them achieve stability,' Weir said. 'It takes special people to be adoptive parents, but I'm confident this county is filled with special people.'

Nakeisha, 13, is September's Adoptable Child. Nakeisha is a respectful and responsible teenager who likes school and does well in her classes. She gets along well with others and especially likes working with younger children.

An active young lady, Nakeisha likes playing basketball and spending time outside after school. The park is one of her favorite places to go. She also loves going to church and reading fantasy novels.

Nakeisha would thrive with a nurturing, supportive church-going family who also enjoy outdoor activities. This courteous, independent girl would be an asset to any family.

Nakeisha will need support with intermittent therapy and coping with loss and separation.

**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.