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Hamilton County Highlights Another Child Available for Adoption

Cincinnati (Jan. 3, 2008) A 13-year-old girl who plays basketball and wants to be a cosmetologist is January's Adoptable Children 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.

Taren plays on a community basketball team. She also enjoys singing and dancing. Her favorite class in school is math because she likes the challenges it presents.

Taren would do well in a family with a strong role model who can model appropriate behavior and ways to communicate anger and aggression. She also needs a family that will support her in ongoing therapy. Medication will be a part of Taren's life, and she will need help coping with separation and loss.

"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.

Those interested in adopting or becoming foster parents can learn more at www.hcadopt.org or www.hcfoster.org, or by calling (513) 632-6366 or e-mailing adoption@jfs.hamilton-co.org.

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.