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Hamilton County to Host Open House for Foster Care and Adoption Information

Cincinnati (October 10, 2008) Hamilton County residents who are thinking about foster care or adoption can learn more at an Open House hosted by the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services.

The Open House will be held 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, in Room GN009 of 237 William Howard Taft in Walnut Hills.

Recruiters, home assessors and foster/adoptive parents will answer questions. They'll discuss the licensing, or certification, process, the children available for adoption or foster care and support available to those who choose to become foster or adoptive families.

"Someone thinking about becoming a foster or adoptive parent may have just a few questions they want answered to help them make the decision," said Moira Weir, director of the department. "This Open House is geared towards those people, allowing them to stop by after work and get their questions answered quickly or stay longer to learn as much as they want about the joys of being a foster or adoptive parent."

The county has about 850 children in foster care each day. It currently has about 260 foster care families working directly with the Department of Job and Family Services. The department also has about 215 children available for adoption.

The agency has stepped up its recruiting activities to meet an increased need. In addition to traditional recruitment activities and special events such as this, the agency is also part of community-wide recruitment campaign entitled "Everyday Heroes."

For more information about becoming a foster and/or adoptive parent, call (513) 632-6366 or visit www.hcfoster.org and www.hcadopt.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.