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**Hamilton County Foster Care and Adoption Recruiters  
Ready to Share Coffee and Answers with Potential Parents**

**Cincinnati (April 14, 2008)** Hamilton County residents who are thinking about foster care or adoption can learn more over a cup of coffee Thursday afternoon at the College Hill Coffee Co. and Casual Gourmet.

Recruiters from Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services will visit the coffee shop, 6128 Hamilton Ave. (at North Bend Road), between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to help answer questions about foster care and adoption.

Recruiters will 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.

"If you have ever thought about opening your heart and home to a foster child, this is the opportunity for you to find out how you can help change a child's life," said John Cummings, manager of Adoption and Foster Care Recruitment at the agency.

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 250 children available for adoption.

The agency has stepped up its recruiting activities to meet the need, Cummings said. 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](http://www.hcfoster.org) and [www.hcadopt.org](http://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.