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Public Invited to Comment on Department of Job and Family Services' Strategic Plan

Cincinnati (Oct. 22, 2008) Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services wants public input on a plan it is developing to set agency goals and priorities over the next three years.

The strategic plan will identify the agency's long-term goals and develop specific strategies to achieve those goals, as well as detail the challenges and opportunities it will face in coming years.

The department will host an open house and a Web site to gather public input on a list of goals and strategies. The virtual open house is located at <http://www.hcifs.hamilton-co.org/StrategicPlan/main.htm>. Comments can be added until Nov. 1. The physical open house is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 25, in room GN009 of the agency's Taft building, 237 William Howard Taft. Please enter through the rear door.

The agency employs more than 1,500 and touches hundreds of thousands in the community each year through its programs to protect children and the elderly, collect child support, provide workforce assistance to the unemployed and help the needy with food stamps, financial support, health care and child care.

"We are at a critical point in our history, with dwindling resources because of the stagnant economy and, at the same time, an increased need for our services," said Moira Weir, director of the department. "It is essential we have a plan in place that meets this community's need and points our resources in the right direction. And that is only possible if we hear from the people of this community, our partners, our employees and those who use our services."

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, elderly protection, child care, child support enforcement, workforce development, cash assistance, food stamp disbursement and Medicaid disbursement. Servicing Hamilton County since 1947, the Department helps hundreds of thousands each year and is accredited by the Council on Accreditation, an international, independent, not-for-profit child and family service accrediting organization.