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### **Hamilton County Highlights Another Child Available for Adoption**

**Cincinnati (Feb. 3, 2009)** A 17-year-old girl who wants to go to college and become a doctor is February's Adoptable Child 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.

"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."

Sondra is independent and a positive role model with a great sense of humor. She is still close to her birth siblings and wants to maintain positive relationships with them.

She enjoys playing basketball, cheerleading, spending time outdoors and reading novels.

This motivated and dependable teenager has set high but achievable goals for herself. She wants a family that will encourage her in these endeavors. Sondra understands the importance of learning to make productive choices and would like a family that will provide guidance, but also some freedom for her to learn from her mistakes.

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](http://www.hcadopt.org) or [www.hcfoster.org](http://www.hcfoster.org), or by calling (513) 632-6366 or e-mailing [adoption@jfs.hamilton-co.org](mailto: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, 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.