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

**Cincinnati (March 3, 2009)** A 10-year-old girl who loves school and has a winning smile is March'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."

Learshai practically shivers with excitement when she hears that it's time to go to school. She is absolutely exuberant to learn and enjoys spending time with her teachers and classmates.

Of all her toys, the ones with sound are Learshai's favorites. And when she's not playing with her toys, she loves to be in the bathtub!

This is a little girl who craves human touch; whether it's having her face rubbed or her hair twirled and braided. A calm family would be a good fit for Learshai. She needs lots of attention and assistance, but the family that adopts her will be rewarded with her grinning face every single day.

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.