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Hamilton County Highlights Child Available for Adoption

Cincinnati (May 1, 2009) A quiet, respectful pre-teen who loves reading about African American history is May'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."

Dylan, 11, has a strong sense of camaraderie and loves being with his friends, whether it is riding bikes and scooters around the neighborhood, or going to Jackie Chan movies. Dylan also enjoys playing football, basketball, and soccer.

Dylan aspires to be a police officer one day, a real-life hero to people. It's no surprise, then, that some of his favorite toys are of the superhero variety: Spiderman, Iron Man and the Incredible Hulk.

More than anything, this shy pre-teen would like to be adopted by a fun-loving family where other siblings will share his sense of humor and support him in his many sports pursuits.

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 or www.hcfoster.org, or by calling (513) 632-6366 or e-mailing adoption@jfs.hamilton-co.org. Also, follow Hamilton County JFS Foster Care and Adoption recruitment on Facebook!

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.