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Hamilton County Highlights Child Available for Adoption

Cincinnati (Jan. 4, 2009) Two brothers with a passion for sports are January's Adoptable Children 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."

Jamal, 11, is the older of the brothers. He's a multipurpose player on his community soccer team and wants to be a professional basketball player. He also likes to play video games.

Jamal is smart at math and likes to fool around with coordinates and grids. He someday would like to travel to China or Japan.

Tyshawn, 10, eats, sleeps and dreams football. He plays running back on his school team and likes to watch any of his favorite teams – the Bengals, Packers, Eagles and Steelers – on television. He even plays sports-related video games.

Tyshawn likes school and does well in his classes. He'd someday like to be a police officer.

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.hckids.org or by calling (513) 946-1000 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.