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**Hamilton County Highlights Child Available for Adoption**

**Cincinnati (May 3, 2010)** A 13-year-old girl who likes arts and crafts and longs to visit Disneyland 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."

The colors she uses when making her crafts tell you a lot about Makeeba's personality. This shy and quiet teenager almost always chooses the pastel colors of the rainbow when she's coloring, pasting or painting, and her works of art are enchanting.

In addition to art, she is thrilled when she has time to get engrossed in the latest teen novel or when she's concentrating on beating her opponent at a board game.

Makeeba usually enjoys school, but at the end of the school day she is happy to go outside and ride her bike or play at the park. In the summer, she loves to swim and a trip to Disneyland ranks at the top of her list of wishes.

An active family that enjoys going places and having fun would be a dream come true for Makeeba.

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 can learn more at [www.hckids.org](http://www.hckids.org) or by calling (513) 946-1000 or e-mailing [adoption@jfs.hamilton-co.org](mailto: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 assistance 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.