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**Hamilton County Highlights Child Available for Adoption**

**Cincinnati (July 1, 2011)** A 14-year-old boy who plays guard on his school's basketball team and some day wants to be a doctor is July's Waiting Child at Hamilton County 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."

Andwele, or AD, as he likes to be called, is a huge fan of the movie Transformers. It shows his love of adventure – he also enjoys reading exciting novels and testing his skills in the latest action video games.

Basketball is Andwele's sport of choice, and he's quite good. He spends hours after school working on his jump shot. But he's a down-to-earth kid who doesn't harbor dreams of someday joining the NBA, instead he wants to work hard at school so the he can become a doctor.

Andwele just wants a mother and father to call his own. His likeable personality and eager attitude make him a perfect fit for just about any family, but especially one that likes staying busy with a variety of different activities.

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 Job and Family Services**

Hamilton County 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.