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**Online Chat for Public to Learn More About Children Available for Adoption**

**Cincinnati (July 18, 2011)** Hamilton County residents interested in the adoption process and learning more about the children who are available can ask questions during a live chat scheduled for Wednesday.

Recruiter Carrie Fiasco will answer questions from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 20. Residents can participate in the chat by clicking on a link that will be posted on [www.hcjfs.org](http://www.hcjfs.org) prior to the start. Also, an e-mail will be sent to subscribers to the [HCJFS Update](#) newsletter and to followers of the agency on Facebook and Twitter ([hamiltoncojfs](http://hamiltoncojfs)). To sign up for the newsletter, visit [www.hcjfs.org](http://www.hcjfs.org).

The Department of Job and Family Services has about 850 foster children on any given day, with about 225 available for adoption. Those interested in foster parenting or adopting can also visit the county's website, [www.hckids.org](http://www.hckids.org), to learn more about both and see some of the children available for adoption.

Wednesday's online chat is another attempt by the Department of Job and Family Services, which handles child support collection, child welfare and public assistance programs, to be more accessible and open to its consumers and the public at large.

"We serve hundreds of thousands of people in this county each year and we're always trying creative ways to reach out to them," said Moira Weir, director of the department. "Our goal is to be accessible, responsive and accountable."

**About Hamilton County 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.