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**Online Chat About Employment Services Available to Hamilton County Residents**

**Cincinnati (March 8, 2011)** Hamilton County residents struggling in today’s tough economy can learn about employment services and workforce development in a March 9 online chat with Hamilton County’s Department of Job and Family Services.

The chat is an opportunity for job seekers to ask questions about local opportunities, workers to learn about assistance that will help them move up the career ladder and employers to explore what the county’s Super Jobs program can offer them in terms of filling open positions. Kevin Holt, a manager in the county’s Workforce Development section, will be online from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on March 9.

To participate, visit [www.hcjfs.org](http://www.hcjfs.org) and click on the link posted under Today at HCJFS. 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). To sign up for the newsletter, visit [www.hcjfs.org](http://www.hcjfs.org).

“Many people are out of work right now or are working but feel as if they want more,” said Moira Weir, director of the department. “Likewise, employers need people with specific skills for some tough-to-fill positions. We can help in all these areas and this is a good opportunity to learn what we have to offer.”

The chat is among ongoing efforts 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. It follows recent moves such as stationing employees in neighborhood non-profits for easier access to services and establishing a Speaker’s Bureau to help educate the public on how the agency does business.

**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.