



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

Media release

For more information, contact:

August 2010

Daryle L. Cobb, 614-278-5987, Dxcobb@fccs.co.franklin.oh.us

FCCS Presents FamJam

Franklin County Children Services will hold its 2nd annual *FamJam- A Family Enrichment Festival* on Saturday, August 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Franklin Park, 1777 East Broad Street. The event is free and open to the public.

There will be parenting resources available to families as well as information from various community agencies. Also, in keeping with the agency's guiding principles to protect children by strengthening families, Children Services' staff will be on hand to discuss adoption, foster care and volunteer opportunities. FamJam will highlight the need for male mentors. Strong and committed men are needed who are willing to help develop positive support systems for young men in agency care.

On this day, families will have an opportunity to play games and learn together, while enjoying complimentary refreshments. Community exhibitors will include the Federation of Settlement Houses, Bikers Against Child Abuse, the Auditor's office and Happy Healthy Pre-Schoolers to name a few.

In celebration of the community's rich diversity and talent, local youth groups will provide entertainment for the day. Featured will be the Ohio Hispanic Coalition's Youth Dance Team, Premiere Cheer Stars, Stepping Out Columbus Singers and Somali Youth Committee.

Each year Franklin County Children Services provides services to more than 24,500 children and families. The agency strives to develop positive relationships with community partners to address the needs of children and families. Through FamJam, FCCS hopes that many children will find a friend, a mentor, or a loving adoptive or foster family. Families can attend and receive some much needed support and information about community resources. For more information, call 341-6060 or visit www.franklincountyohio.gov/children_services