



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

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Mayor Michael B. Coleman and FCCS Present FamJam & the Neighborhood Pride Block Party

Mayor Michael B. Coleman's Neighborhood Pride Block Party and Franklin County Children Services have once again partnered to present the 4th annual *FamJam - A Family Enrichment Festival*, on Saturday, August 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at downtown's newest park, the Columbus Commons.

The event is free and open to the public at 160 S. High St. This year Mayor Coleman's Neighborhood Pride program is co-producing FamJam as a Block Party for all city neighborhoods. Families and children in the city and throughout Franklin County are welcome to attend. Free food, entertainment and games will be offered, but there is a cost for parking at area pay lots and garages.

"We are confident this festival is going to escalate to new levels with our community partners and a new stage at the Columbus Commons. We hope everyone comes downtown with their families to this kid-friendly event," said Chip M. Spinning, executive director of Franklin County Children Services.

In keeping with Franklin County Children Services' mission to protect children by strengthening families, FamJam will allow participants to engage in educational and interactive activities as well as have a lot of fun. An array of community providers will be present to share valuable information and resources with families. More than 50 exhibit booths and games will be available.

Children Services staff will provide parenting tips, as well as information about adoption and volunteer opportunities. Attendees will also learn home and neighborhood safety tips from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Columbus Division of Police and the Columbus Division of Fire. For more information, call 341-6085 or visit: www.franklincountyohio.gov/children_services or www.columbus.gov/pride.

Other community partners include Giant Eagle, Kroger, SaveALot, Target, Lowe's, Molina Healthcare, AT&T Pioneers, Dr. Pepper/Snapple, Kroger, the Columbus Metropolitan Library, COSI, Xclaim Dance, and a host of city and county agencies.



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