



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 5<sup>th</sup> annual *FamJam - A Family Enrichment Festival*, on Saturday, August 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at downtown's destination 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.

"Last year's event drew 7,000 people downtown and we expect even bigger crowds this year thanks to work with our community partners. We hope everyone comes to Columbus Commons 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. Youth performances will fill the Columbus Commons stage with guest emcee Angela An, morning anchor on WBNS-TV.

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](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/children_services) or [www.columbus.gov/pride](http://www.columbus.gov/pride).

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



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