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Children Services Invites the Public to an Open House for its new FCCS East Office, 4071 E. Main St., Whitehall

Who: Franklin County Commissioner President John O'Grady, FCCS Executive Director Chip Spinning, Whitehall Mayor Kim Maggard, local architectural and contracting firms

What: Public Open House for the new 96,000-square-foot agency office building in Whitehall to house 400 child protection workers and support staff.

When: 3 to 6 p.m. Feb. 6, 2013; Welcome and VIP remarks at 4 p.m. (media staging one hour earlier)

Where: 4071 E. Main St.

Why: Official recognition of FCCS East new office building.

FCCS Executive Director Chip Spinning will be joined by Franklin County Commissioners, Whitehall Mayor Kim Maggard, Whitehall city officials, invited guests, FCCS board members, project designers and construction managers for a ceremonial Open House of the \$17 million office complex. This event is open to the public.

The 96,000 square-foot structure will combine the staffs of three current FCCS regions into one facility with expanded parking and visitation facilities in a workable "green" family friendly environment.

"We are proud to have this opportunity to display a modern office complex in a prime location that will provide easy access for the children we serve, their families and our partners," said FCCS Executive Director Chip M. Spinning. Purchasing this building will allow us to consolidate our staff and eliminate current leases at 525 E. Mound St. (Central and Intake regions) and 205 N. Hamilton Road, formerly known as the East Region.

Bids for the property were identified through an RFP process beginning in April 2011. The Daimler Group served as project builder with architectural plans drawn by the firm of Moody Nolan. Construction took 11 months.

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