



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

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## **Franklin County Children Services Present FamJam at Mayor Coleman's Neighborhood Pride Block Party**

Franklin County Children Services and Mayor Michael B. Coleman's Neighborhood Pride Block Party have once again partnered to present the 7<sup>th</sup> annual *FamJam - A Family Enrichment Festival*, on Saturday, August 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at downtown's destination park, the Columbus Commons (160 S. High St).

The event is free and open to the public. Families and children in the city and throughout Franklin County are welcome to attend. Entertainment, featuring youth performances, will fill the stage, along with bounce houses, face painting, free food, and many more games and activities throughout the park. An array of community organizations and exhibitors will be present to share valuable family information and prizes.

In keeping with Franklin County Children Services' mission to protect children by strengthening families, FamJam will allow participants to have fun while engaging in educational and interactive activities.

"This event is great for the entire family and we are thrilled to be working with our city and county partners to bring you a family day outside. We hope everyone comes out to enjoy FamJam," said Chip M. Spinning, executive director of Franklin County Children Services.

Children Services staff will provide parenting tips, as well as information about adoption, kinship care 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 (614) 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. FamJam is free and parking is ample but at a minimal cost or you can utilize COTA.

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