



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

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Franklin County Children Services Presents FamJam @ 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 6th annual *FamJam - A Family Enrichment Festival*, on Saturday, August 2, 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 engage in educational and interactive activities as well as have tons of fun.

"This is one of the premiere family events in central Ohio, drawing nearly 7,000 people annually. We are excited to once again partner with city and county leaders to bring FamJam to our community. We hope everyone comes out to enjoy," said Chip M. Spinning, executive director of Franklin County Children Services.

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 (614) 341-6085 or visit: www.franklincountyohio.gov/children_services or 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 at a minimal cost.

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