



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

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Children's Day Celebration Held at COSI

Every child is a wonderful gift, a unique individual with unlimited potential. Children need a safe and caring home; the security of a supportive, loving family; and the opportunity to make the most of their talents. It is the goal of Franklin County Children Services to support such an environment for our community's children.

In honor of all children the agency is hosting a special Children's Day celebration at COSI, on Friday, September 25, from 5 to 9 p.m. at COSI Columbus, 333 W. Broad Street. Children and families under the care of FCCS will receive passes for free admission, thanks to donations from Kroger and Huntington Banks, along with a partnership between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and COSI to actively offer programming that supports family learning.

Additionally, all community children attending on this special day can enjoy the wonderful prizes offered in the drawings for prizes (two bikes are being given away), exciting stage performances, and local mascots. The first 300 community children to enter will get in free. With the help of media sponsor 92.3 WCOL many families will learn about Children's Day.

Many children, including foster children and others under the care of Children Services who typically would not have the opportunity to visit COSI, will be able to explore COSI's hands-on educational exhibits. There will be musical performances for children by local entertainers Arnett Howard, Ray Pauken Banjo Sing-A-Long, Bob from Mousetrap, and Celeste & Friends. There will be drawings for prizes, appearances by Central Ohio's favorite mascots, and balloon art by clowns Jeannie and Melody.

"Children's Day at COSI is about letting all children know that we and our event partners believe in them. It's about offering children a day in their honor where they can have fun and learn," said Children Services Executive Director Eric Fenner.

"Children Services is committed to creating a community where children are safe and happy, where young people are free to pursue their dreams," said Fenner. "It's important that children have positive experiences, because the children who are filled with hope will someday serve as our community leaders."

Each year the agency provides help to more than 28,500 abused, neglected and dependent children in Franklin County and sees firsthand the importance of providing a happy environment for all children. It is Franklin County Children Services' vision that every child will have a safe and permanent home, along with happy memories as they grow into adults. For more information, go to www.franklincountyohio.gov/children_services.

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