



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

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**For Immediate Release:  
FamJam 2009 – A Family Enrichment Festival**

On Saturday, August 15, Franklin County Children Services will host its first annual “FamJam 2009: A Family Enrichment Festival,” from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Franklin Park, 1775 E. Broad Street. The event will provide an opportunity for families to come together for fun and excitement while at the same time learning about helpful programs and services offered in the community.

Realizing that these are stressful times for many people, Children Services along with its community partners will offer resources to help strengthen families. There will be information on foster care, adoption, volunteering, mentoring, child protection, parenting tips, counseling, recreation, health services, money management, and much more.

This will also be an opportunity for our local youth to perform on stage and display their talents throughout the day.

Another focal point during the program will be the effort to recruit men for Franklin County Children Services’ Simba mentoring program. The theme, “100 Mentors for 100 Boys” highlights the need for African-American males to become much-needed positive role models for youth under the agency’s care.

Eric Fenner, Executive Director of Franklin County Children Services, states, “This festival is just one way to demonstrate our agency’s commitment to becoming an accessible resource to the community and engage others in our efforts to strengthen families. We hope everyone will come out, bring their children and enjoy the day.”

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The agency is continuing its efforts to build positive relationships with the community by making them aware of the needs of families and children throughout Central Ohio. For more information, please call 341-6060 or visit [www.franklincountyohio.gov/children\\_services](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/children_services).

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