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STARK JFS TO HOST FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION MEETINGS, NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

Canton, Ohio - Stark County Job and Family Services will continue to hold foster care and adoption information meetings at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Upcoming meetings will take place in honor of National Adoption Month on November 1, 2022 and December 6, 2022.

National Adoption Month is recognized during the month of November as a time to raise awareness of the 117,000 children in the U.S. waiting to be adopted from foster care. In Stark County, we have approximately 400 children living in the foster care system, with nearly a quarter in permanent custody and eligible for adoption. One in five children waiting to be adopted are in their teens and risk aging out of the system without finding a permanent family.

To kick off National Adoption Month, the Division of Children Services invites residents to attend an in-person meeting on November 1, 2022 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Division of Children Services, 402 2nd St. SE, Canton, Ohio 44702. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet a licensing specialist, mingle with other families, and enjoy light refreshments.

For those unable to attend in person, a virtual meeting will be offered on December 6, 2022. This meeting will conveniently be hosted on the Zoom platform from 6 to 7 p.m. During the meeting, a licensing specialist will provide information about the foster care and adoption process and be available to answer questions.

Both information meetings are free and open to the public, registration is required. To register, please call 330-451-8789 or email Jennifer.Loomis@jfs.ohio.gov.

The process to become a foster and adoptive parent requires training and licensing through Stark County Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Potential parents must be at least 18 years of age, provide proof of income to meet the needs of the household, and successfully pass required background checks.

To learn more about foster care and adoption in Stark County, please visit StarkJFS.org.

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