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STARK JFS TO HOST FOSTER/ADOPTION MEETINGS IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY

Canton, Ohio - Stark County Job & Family Services will continue to host monthly foster care and adoption information meetings. Upcoming meetings will be held virtually and in person.

Residents are invited to take the first step to becoming a foster and adoptive parent by attending an in-person meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 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 talk with a licensing specialist and meet other families.

For those unable to attend in person, a virtual meeting will be offered on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. 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.

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.

The process to become a foster and adoptive parent requires training and licensing through Stark County Job & Family Services and the Ohio Department of Job & 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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