



Hello Hamilton County

April 2011

E-News for Hamilton County citizens and employees

Quote of the month:

*"Leaders must wake people out of inertia.
They must get people excited about something they've never seen before,
something that does not yet exist."*

~Rosabeth Moss Kanter

Hamilton County Park District Offers "Free Firsts" for Hamilton County Residents

The Hamilton County Park District is showing its appreciation for the loyalty and support that Hamilton County residents continuously give to the parks. As a token of its gratitude, the Park District is offering "Free Firsts" appreciation days in 2011.

On the first day in May, June, July and August, all Hamilton County residents can visit any Hamilton County park for free, and without the need for a Motor Vehicle Permit. County residents will also enjoy a number of other free and discounted activities during "Free Firsts."

For more information about "Free Firsts," please visit the Hamilton County Park District's Resident Appreciation Days webpage:

<http://www.greatparks.org/freefirsts/index.shtm>.

To learn how you can enjoy the Hamilton County Park District's offerings all year long, please visit:

<http://www.greatparks.org/index.shtm>.



[Wet playgrounds](#) provide fun for the kids!



Park Rangers interact with visitors.



People enjoy golfing at [The Vineyard](#).



The Hamilton County Park District offers many [educational initiatives and programs](#).



Hamilton County Coalition to Stop Fraud, Scams & Abuse Off and Running

The Hamilton County Coalition to Stop Fraud, Scams & Abuse is officially off and running! Since Commissioner Greg Hartmann launched the Coalition in January, the group of 30 community partners has been conducting outreach activities all over Hamilton County, and the month of March was the Coalition's busiest yet. According to the Coalition's 2011 Community Outreach Timeline, partners conducted activities to raise awareness about spring break scams, public assistance fraud and government fraud, waste and abuse.

As area college students began planning their Spring Break vacations for March and April, they may have received offers for 'amazing' deals on travel. But before they turned over their cash for these offers, the Coalition wanted to help students recognize the signs of travel scams that can ruin their Spring Break – and their credit. Coalition partner Better Business Bureau presented to the Student Government Association of the University of Cincinnati, discussing the signs that a vacation offer might be a scam and how students can protect themselves.

In an ongoing effort to prevent public assistance fraud and protect taxpayer dollars, Coalition partner Hamilton County Job & Family Services held a special online chat to encourage residents to report suspected abuse of public assistance resources. The chat was a success, with several tips pouring in that JFS and local law enforcement will investigate and handle accordingly.

Finally, the Coalition had the opportunity to host a table and participate on the expert panel of the Medicare Fraud Forum, sponsored by Pro Seniors and WMKV-89.3. Several community groups gathered at Maple Knoll Village to provide information to help seniors, families and caregivers identify instances of Medicare fraud, identity theft and senior scams.

The Coalition also took the time to recognize a



Better Business Bureau representatives Michael Dawson, Leslie Kish and Jocile Ehrlich join the Board of Commissioners to recognize the 2011 National Consumer Protection Week.

Business Bureau for their important consumer advocacy work in Hamilton County.

The Coalition will focus on identity theft for the month of April and is looking forward to participating in several events to help Hamilton County residents protect themselves, including a free Shred Day for personal documents on April 30 at University of Cincinnati's Raymond Walters College in Blue Ash. To see a list of upcoming Coalition events or find out more about the monthly themes for 2011, visit the Coalition's Web site at www.hamilton-co.org/fraud, or contact Kellie Wise: kellie.wise@hamilton-co.org 513-946-4405.

national initiative that helps reinforce the important goal of consumer education. March 6-12, 2011 was nationally recognized as National Consumer Protection Week, a time for government and nonprofit entities to come together to help consumers manage their finances and safeguard themselves from financial dangers. At a public hearing of the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Greg Hartmann honored Better

About the Hamilton County Coalition to Stop Fraud, Scams & Abuse

The Hamilton County Coalition to Stop Fraud, Scams & Abuse is a partnership of social service agencies, business leaders, nonprofits and local law enforcement united to proactively educate Hamilton County residents on the dangers of consumer fraud, identity theft and scams in our community.

The Coalition developed a *Comprehensive Community Plan* to help consumers, created a website www.hamilton-co.org/fraud, and conducts monthly community outreach events to educate citizens in our community to detect, prevent and report fraud and scams.



Hamilton County's New Reentry Program Director Excited to Make Big Impact

DeAnna R. Hoskins has a passion for her work, and it shows! Hoskins' first day as Hamilton County's Reentry Program Director was March 17, and it's hard to tell what's more impressive: how much she has accomplished in just two weeks, or how much enthusiasm and ambition Hoskins brings to the table when describing those two weeks.

As Hamilton County's first Reentry Program Director, Hoskins will work with all stakeholders in the criminal justice system to improve reentry coordination and ensure the successful transition of county offenders to the community. The position is funded largely by a federal Second Chance Act grant. It's a one year grant initially and is renewable for two years.

The creation of this position is a key step for Hamilton County to listen and respond to all participants in the justice system, from the judiciary and law enforcement to community and faith-based agencies, to offenders, victims and their families.

"It's exciting," says Hoskins. "I really don't have any boundaries, because it has never been done before. I'm an out of the box thinker, and I think really big! So I'm focusing on where I can have the biggest impact."

Hoskins is working with the Ohio Justice Policy Center to create a strategic plan which she will follow. And she is in contact with leaders at the University of Cincinnati.

"UC has been instrumental in re-entry and offender programs," says Hoskins. "Other counties have had second chance grants since 2008, and UC has done the research. Through their research, we already know what works and what doesn't. I think we're in a very unique position, since we have professionals who did this already and are happy to share their research with us."

Hoskins says she has three priorities:

1. Build a coalition, linking the judiciary system with the sector of providers that serve criminal offenders. Hoskins emphasizes collaboration with diverse entities as a key to successful reentry coordination.



Deanna R. Hoskins, Hamilton County's Reentry Program Director

2. Create a resource that can help offenders get the information they need to succeed upon release into the community. "85% of offenders coming out of state facilities are coming out unsupervised," says Hoskins. "They're not connected to a parole officer to say, 'hey, I'm having a problem. Where can I go?'" The resource would provide helpful information for connecting offenders to the services they need.

3. Look at how the jail population and the homeless population are overlapping, to discern how many homeless are re-circulating through the jail. Connecting the law enforcement entities with the homeless system

can potentially free up jail space and enable the homeless to be served by the case managers with whom they may already be working.

Hoskins emphasizes how important collaboration will be to achieving success with the Reentry Program. She has already reached out to numerous individuals and groups within Hamilton County, including Court leaders, business leaders, social services providers, organizations that serve the homeless, and more.

Hoskins has developed strong skill involving collaboration and reentry programs throughout her career. Previously, Hoskins worked in re-entry with substance abuse clients, both in a Maximum Security setting and in the Indiana Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives. Her key role with the Governor's office was to be a liaison between the state and the community. Although her passion was working one-on-one with offenders, Hoskins said she realized that by working with the community and helping implement best practices, she is serving the population.

"It's just my passion to watch people grow and see individuals have an opportunity to see what they never had," says Hoskins. "I have to hit the job running!" Clearly, she has!

People with an interest in the Reentry Program may contact Hoskins at 513-946-4304 or deanna.hoskins@hamilton-co.org.



Pinwheels for Prevention Kicks Off Child Abuse Prevention Month in April

Guest Column by HCJFS Director Moira Weir

If you are anywhere near Burnet Woods Park in Clifton during the week of April 4, please stop to contemplate the message behind the beautiful pinwheels you see planted in the field facing Martin Luther King Drive.

More than 5,000 colorful pinwheels should be glistening in the sun – if our weather turns— but behind that beautiful display is a dark message: each pinwheel stands for a reported case of child abuse in Hamilton County. Last year, we had 5,058 such reports.

We use the innocent childhood toy to draw attention to a harsh reality: children in our community are abused on a daily basis. Last year, five children died from abuse. This is unacceptable. We hope, by drawing attention to abuse, more people will work to prevent it.

“Pinwheels for Prevention” is an annual statewide campaign. Hamilton County joins all 88 Ohio counties participating in Pinwheels for Prevention as a kick off to Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. This year’s local Pinwheels event is sponsored by Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Hamilton County’s Department of Job and Family Services, Hamilton County’s Family and Children First Council and the Council on Child Abuse of Southern Ohio, Inc.

The statistics on child abuse are disturbing.

Nationally, 3.3 million reports of abuse and neglect, involving 6 million children, were made to child protection agencies across the United States in 2009. More than 1.5 million of those referrals were determined to be valid abuse and neglect reports. More than 1,700 children died from abuse or

neglect.

The worst part of it all? Recent studies show only about 10 percent of child abuse is substantiated by social service agencies. Much of it goes unreported or unproven. Many children are suffering silently. We must provide voices to the voiceless.



Many citizens are unaware of how widespread child abuse is in their local communities. I am convinced they would not tolerate it if they knew it was happening. Believe me when I tell you it is happening in every neighborhood of this community. These pinwheels drive home the point.

What can you do? Be on the lookout. Report suspected abuse to our child abuse reporting hotline, 241-KIDS. Mentor a struggling parent. Take a neighborhood child under your wing. Advocate with a politician for laws and support for child abuse prevention.

Together, we can reduce the abuse in this community.

Next year, I hope we have far fewer pinwheels planted in that field.



Hamilton County Home Improvement Loan Program Surpasses \$40,000,000

The Hamilton County Home Improvement Loan Program (HIP) recently surpassed \$40,000,000 in loans. HIP allows homeowners in Hamilton County communities to borrow money to repair or remodel homes or rental property at interest rates 3% below current bank rates.

HIP was proposed to provide an incentive for county property owners to improve their homes and, in the process, to create jobs and stop the flight of people, businesses and revenue from the county. Since its inception in 2002, HIP has succeeded all expectations as over 2,400 loans have been made, 2,679 local contractors have been hired, and almost \$5.5 Million in county revenues has been retained.

The HIP program is an initiative of Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune to improve the County's housing stock. "In an urban, built-out county, fixing up our aging housing stock and making it

more attractive to buyers is critical," says Commissioner Portune. "HIP allows Hamilton County's housing to compete with newer communities. This is the only housing rehab program where people with middle class incomes can qualify for low interest home improvement rates."

HIP Loans may be used for remodeling bathrooms, kitchens, decks, plumbing, ceilings and walls, garages, landscaping, room additions, central air and furnaces, gutters and roofs, painting and carpeting, sliding windows and doors, or other improvements, including renewable energy and energy efficiency updates. Funds cannot be used for luxury projects (e.g., swimming pools and hot tubs).



For information on the Hamilton County HIP loan program, visit the Hamilton County website at http://www.hamilton-co.org/hc/hc_hip.asp or contact one of the five participating local banks:

- Fifth Third Bank
- First Safety Bank
- Key Bank
- North Side Bank
- US Bank.

May Day for Foster Care

Hamilton County has 850 foster children on any given day. They are more likely than their peers to drop out of school, become a teen parent or end up in prison. They count on this community to open their hearts to them. With your help, foster children can avoid pitfalls and see that they are valuable members of the Hamilton County community. You have the opportunity to change a life and change your community.

Interested? Participate in the May Day for Foster Care event to learn about becoming a foster parent, mentoring, becoming a court appointed special advocate, a Guardian ad Litem, or to discover how to define a role that you can play in the life of a foster child.

The event will be:

May Day for Foster Care
Monday, May 2, 2011
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fountain Square



Agencies that play a vital role in the success of foster children will be present: Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services, Hamilton County's Juvenile Court, ProKids and the Guardian Ad Litem Division of the Public Defender's Office.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!



Hamilton County Job and Family Services A Top Performing County in Ohio For Ohio Works First Program Participation Rates

Despite a dramatic reduction in staff, Hamilton County Job and Family Services has brought the work participation rates of families receiving aid through the Ohio Works First program up to 50 percent for the first time in agency history, making it a top performing county in Ohio.



requirements, or by asking for a second or third chance.

HCJFS met the goal for the first time in November and has maintained a 50 percent work participation rate through the beginning of 2011.

Ohio Works First (OWF) provides cash assistance to families in need of temporary assistance. Families can qualify for benefits for up to five years, but in order to receive assistance, they must participate in an ongoing work, school or volunteer activity for 30 hours each week or 20 hours if there is a child under age 6 in the home.

The agency's goal is to increase employment, decrease dependency on cash assistance and maintain a support system of food, medical, child care, and other assistance. By enforcing requirements that families participate in work or school activities, the agency can focus shrinking resources on consumers actively trying to move away from public assistance.

Each of the agencies providing OWF are required by federal standards to ensure a 50 percent work participation rate—meaning at least 50 percent of the recipients provide documentation of the work, school or volunteer activity each month. A work participation rate lower than 50 percent can mean a federal sanction.

HCJFS contracts with Community Link to work with the more than 5,000 adults receiving OWF aid. The agency has developed strategies and tools to redistribute the workload to ensure that, despite shrinking resources, the mandates are met and consumers are served.

But historically, agencies in Ohio have not met the minimum. Currently, the statewide participation rate is 26 percent.

But the improved performance wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of the HCJFS staff, according to Kevin Holt, a section chief in Employment Services. A planning committee was also formed to aid the agency in increasing the rate.

In May, HCJFS started an initiative to redouble efforts to meet the 50 percent minimum. In spite of recent staff losses and contract cuts, HCJFS refined procedures, updated policies and narrowed the focus of staff to obtain a 50 percent work participation rate.

"A key factor to improving our rate was the work of our planning committee, a group of local business people, advocates, stakeholders, and legal aid," Holt said. "With the support of this group, we have been able to introduce a series of changes in HCJFS expectations of consumer behavior and accountability. Those changes will serve the interests of those consumers and of HCJFS in the near and long term."

It is also now more difficult for families to continue to receive the benefit by claiming an alternative activity, "good cause" for failing to meet the



Hamilton County Volunteer Recognized as the Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation District's State Volunteer of the Year



Bob Minges receives the State Volunteer of the Year Award, in part for his work with the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District.

A Hamilton County environmental advocate, Bob Minges, was presented in February with the 2011 Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts' Cooperator of the Year award. Minges was selected from a cadre of 88 candidates – one from each of Ohio's 88 counties. Mike Westfall of Farm Credit Services presented Minges with a cash award.

Minges is a lifetime resident of western Hamilton County, where he has assisted in the operation of a 98 acre family farm. The farm employs conservation practices such as a cistern for water reuse, livestock fencing, manure storage, crop rotation and use of grass filter strips. Professionally, Minges has extensive experience in water quality monitoring and he has actively served as Board Member for the Land Conservancy of Hamilton County for 11 years and the Friends of the Great Miami (FOGM) for nine

years.

Minges received this award for his continuous efforts assisting the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District (HCSWCD) with local water quality related events, such as the Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River and riverside tree plantings. Each year, Minges partners with HCSWCD and Friends of the Great Miami River to clean extensive river miles and restore riparian areas. The District stated these events are made possible through Mr. Minges' generous contributions; he continually provides his dump truck for clean-up efforts and also supplies the mulch, transportation and storage of the tree saplings for planting events. Minges is known to many in this area as a true leader in conservation and environmental protection.

"The District relies on partners such as Bob Minges in order to accomplish our conservation goals," said Holly Utrata-Halcomb, District Administrator of the

HCSWCD. "Over 85% of the land in our county is privately owned. That is the challenge of our education quest: to educate and have the private citizens put that knowledge into action. Bob has done this not only on his own land, but he also serves as a role model to others."

Ohio has 88 Soil & Water Conservation Districts that provide technical assistance and educational resources to their residents. Each District is committed to working with local communities to help protect and conserve natural resources. They have a mission to bring agricultural and urbanized areas together as partners in protecting local watersheds and drinking water and to promote economic development that minimizes impacts on streams and natural habitats.

Visit www.hcswcd.org to learn more about the HCSWCD.



Hamilton County Law Library Presents Consumer Credit Seminar

As a public service, the Hamilton County Law Library, in conjunction with the Cincinnati Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service, will present:

You and the Legal System: Consumer Credit
Friday, April 15, 2011 at 12:00 noon
Hamilton County Law Library
Hamilton County Courthouse, 1000 Main St., Room 601, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202



Cincinnati attorney Albert T. Brown, Jr. will discuss a variety of issues related to consumer credit law. He will take questions from the audience. This program is free to the public and is designed for the non-lawyer citizen. It will last one hour.

Please call 513.946.5300 at the Hamilton County Law Library to reserve a seat. Walk-ins will be accommodated as space permits. For directions to the Hamilton County Law Library, see <http://www.hamilton-co.org/cinlawlib/about/findus.html>

Hamilton County Job and Family Services Hosts Online Chat to Reduce Public Assistance Fraud



More than a dozen Hamilton County residents logged into a live chat March 22 to report someone they suspected was illegally receiving public

assistance. The chat was part of an ongoing effort launched by Hamilton County Commissioner Greg Hartmann in January to reduce public assistance fraud within the county.

Commissioner Hartmann created the Hamilton County Coalition to Stop Fraud, Scams & Abuse, with representatives from the business community, law enforcement, social service agencies and local non-profits.

"This is taxpayer money and we cannot stand idly by while someone illegally takes money out of the

pockets of taxpayers," Hartmann said. "I encourage anyone who suspects their neighbor, friend or relative of fraud to report it. When dishonest people take advantage of a system that is designed to help those down on their luck, it is shameful."

During the chat, several people reported those they believed were receiving assistance but living in another county, claiming assistance for a child who no longer lived with them, or not being honest about their employment situation.

Each of the people logged into the chat were able to make their report privately and the information went directly to investigators with Hamilton County Job and Family Services. After the chat, investigators looked into the claims.

The investigators were also able to answer some questions for people who weren't sure if a particular act was fraud. For instance, at least one person reported that someone was using an EPPICard, or food

assistance, that belonged to another person. In reality, EPPICard users are allowed to give their card to another person to purchase groceries for them. However, the food must go to the person or family assigned the card.

The chat also allowed an investigator to ask specific questions of the person reporting the fraud. However, for people who were not able to participate in the chat, HCJFS operates a 24-hour fraud reporting hotline at 513-946-2217.

"While the overwhelming majority of people we assist are in tough situations and are eligible for the services we provide, we are not naïve enough to believe that, even with all our checks and balances, we are able to root out everyone who is illegally receiving benefits," said Moira Weir, Director of the Job and Family Services Department. "We are, sometimes, only as good as the information we are provided and some dishonest people manage to find ways to elude detection."



People First Language Style Guide Recognized with Merit Award

People First Language Style Guide

EVERYONE BELONGS
Respect
is the new "R" word
PEOPLE FIRST

*A reference for media professionals
and anyone who uses words*



The Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services Department (DDS) played a key role in developing a People First Language Style Guide that has proven to be a great resource — and has earned recognition from the Ohio Public Images (OPI).

The Style Guide is a resource for media professionals, so they can use appropriate, People First language when referring to people with disabilities. The Style Guide is also used during new staff and provider orientation and when advocates and staff prepare to speak with community groups and students.

"We've been pleased with how open media representatives have been to receiving the guide and pointers about how to respectfully and accurately refer to people with disabilities," says Jennifer Dexter, Director of DDS' Community Relations Department.

A group of providers that DDS contracts with created the Style Guide in 2010. The providers belong to a 13-member group, Community Ambassadors Resource Alliance, (CARA) which is comprised of advocates and representatives from several non-profit provider agencies. The group plans, shares, and promotes positive images of

people with disabilities. CARA members are putting the guide on their agencies' web sites, and they share the guide with media representatives with whom they work.

In March of 2011, the Style Guide earned recognition from OPI, an organization that promotes positive images of people with disabilities. One way that OPI promotes positive perceptions of people with disabilities is through an annual media and awareness awards competition. In this competition, the People First Language Style Guide earned a merit award in the "Special Publication" category.

To see the People First Language Style Guide, please visit this link:

<http://www.hamiltonmrdd.org/Documents/news/PeopleFirstLanguageGuide.pdf>

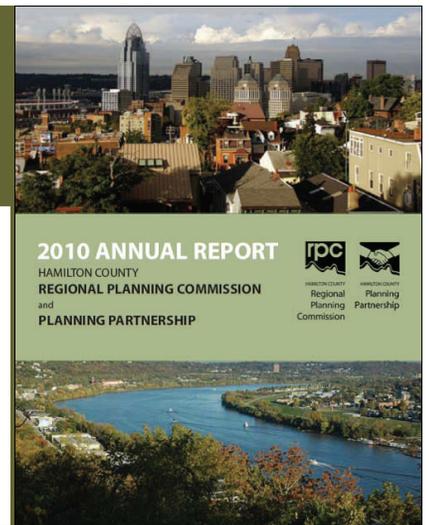
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission and Planning Partnership's Annual Report Inspires Media Coverage

In March, the Building Cincinnati website posted an article featuring the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission and Planning Partnership's 2010 achievements. To read the article, please visit this link:

<http://www.building-cincinnati.com/2011/03/hamilton-co-planning-director-calls.html>

To read the organization's 2010 annual report, which was published on March 23rd, please visit this link:

<http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/hcrpc/pdf/2010RPC-PPAnnualReport.pdf>





Hamilton County Public Health Provides Tips for Preventing Falls

Many Ohioans believe that accidents just happen, but won't happen to them. However, most injuries aren't accidents – they are preventable. The threat of injury lasts throughout your lifetime. Beyond cuts and bruises, injuries such as falls can have devastating effects including broken bones, head injuries, disabilities and can reduce independence and quality of life. Knowing the risks and taking steps to avoid injuries can help keep you and your loved ones injury-free.

Making life at home safer can be a great investment in your future.

- Increase lighting by adding lamps or wattage to existing lights
- Remove loose rugs and repair damaged flooring
- Place electrical cords against the wall or baseboard
- Replace door knobs with lever handles for easier access
- Install grab bars in tub/shower areas
- Place non-slip mats or strips on the tub/shower floor

Reduce risk of falls in the workplace to prevent expensive workers' compensation and medical costs.

- Take your time and pay attention to where you are going
- Adjust your stride to a pace that is suitable for the walking surface and the tasks you are completing
- Walk with feet pointed slightly outward
- Make wide turns at corners
- Always use installed light sources that provide sufficient light
- Use a flashlight if you enter a dark room where there is no light
- Ensure things you are carrying or pushing do not prevent you from seeing any obstructions

Participating in regular physical activity helps improve balance and reduce the risk of falling. Regular physical activity helps improve and prevent the decline of muscle strength, balance and endurance – all risk factors for falling. Simply 30 minutes a day of moderate physical activity on five or more days of the week will make a difference. Walking is an easy and inexpensive way to improve balance, ankle strength and endurance. Talk to your doctor if you are a new exerciser – your doctor will make ensure you exercise safely.

For more information on preventing falls including how to make your home safer, physical activity opportunities near you and exercise safety tips, please visit the Hamilton County Fall Prevention Task Force at www.fallpreventiontaskforce.org.

The screenshot shows the Hamilton County Fall Prevention Task Force website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Increase Text +' and 'Reduce Text -' options. Below the navigation bar is a banner with the logo and a photo of several people. The main content area is divided into sections. On the left, there is a 'Senior Adult Fall Prevention' section with a list of links: 'Home', 'A Matter of Balance', 'For Senior Adults, Families and Caregivers', 'For Healthcare Providers', and 'Physical Activity and Fall Prevention'. In the center, there is a section titled 'Exercise Your Independence – Prevent Falls' with a photo of two elderly people and a paragraph of text: 'Falling is a serious health risk among senior adults. Each year, about one out of three Americans over 65 years of age experience a fall.¹ Not only are falls expensive to treat, but'. On the right, there is a 'Take The Quiz' section with the question 'What do you know about fall prevention?' and two True/False questions: 'Every year, one out of three elderly people fall.' and 'More than half of all falls occur in the home.'

The [Hamilton County Fall Prevention Task Force website](http://www.fallpreventiontaskforce.org) provides helpful information.



Find Great Items and Bargains On the Hamilton County Surplus Auction!

Need a new set of wheels?

Bidding on these items ends in April. Visit the Hamilton County Surplus Auction to see the bargain prices on these items and more!

www.hamiltoncountyohioauction.com





Caring Families are Needed!



Omar **Born April 16, 1999**

Being topsy-turvy is the name of the game with Omar. He's an active and dynamic gradeschooler who loves tumbling and who wants to someday be a gymnast. Omar also is good at basketball and likes being part of a team.

Hanging out at the Boys & Girls Club or the local rec center is Omar's activity of choice; he appreciates the social atmosphere and the chance to be around other gradeschoolers. In fact, he'd love to be adopted by a family where he would have a brother close to his age, as long as the family is fun and likes to participate in lots of sports!

In the winter, Omar catches up on his reading, but in the summer it's all about the swimming pool and the park. If he could live in Florida where it's warm and he could swim all of the time, he would!

To learn more about Omar and others available for adoption, please call 513-632-6366 or visit www.hcadopt.org.



Please post "Hello Hamilton County," so everyone can see what's going on!

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