

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Feb. 20, 2025

**STARK JFS TO HOST FOSTER PARENT INFO MEETINGS ON
MARCH 4 AND APRIL 1**

Canton, Ohio - Stark County Job & Family Services invites residents who are interested in learning more about the foster parent experience to attend an upcoming information meeting on Tuesday, March 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Division of Children Services, 402 2nd St. SE, Canton, Ohio 44702. For those who prefer to attend virtually, a Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Attendees will have the opportunity to talk with a licensing specialist, ask questions about the foster care and adoption process, and connect with other families. All are welcome to attend; however, registration is required. To register, please contact Jennifer Loomis at 330-451-8789 or Jennifer.Loomis@jfs.ohio.gov.

In Stark County, we have approximately 500 children living in the foster care system, with nearly a quarter in permanent custody and eligible for adoption. Children living in the foster care system have experienced events that jeopardized their safety and wellbeing. They are in need of safe and nurturing homes.

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.

###