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Summit County Children Services Recognizes November as National Adoption Month

AKRON, OHIO – November 2021 – Summit County Children Services (SCCS) recognizes National Adoption Month each November as a time to raise awareness about the need for permanent families for children and youth in foster care.

SCCS has more than 800 children in custody of which over 200 children are in the permanent custody of the agency. Nearly 50 of these children have no specific plan for permanency and need a “forever family.” Children in the care of SCCS become available for adoption only after reunification with their biological family is not possible due to safety concerns.

“There are fewer things more important than ensuring that every child is a part of a loving, nurturing, and safe family” said Julie Barnes, Executive Director of SCCS. “Securing a lifelong family for children is essential to the success of their future outcomes and overall health and well-being,” said Barnes.

SCCS hopes interested community members will consider and encourage others interested in foster care and adoption to join them for the next information meeting. To learn more about foster care and adoption, please join SCCS for a Virtual Open House on Thursday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. You can register for the event by calling the foster care inquiry line at (330) 379-1990 or by visiting their website at www.summitkids.org.

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