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Summit County Children Services to host a virtual Foster Parent Open House

AKRON, Ohio - January 2022 – Summit County Children Services (SCCS) will host a virtual Foster Parent Open House and panel presentation on Tuesday, February 15 from 6-7:00 p.m. The open house participants will be using Zoom, an online teleconferencing service, in order to partake in this event. This event will be held live and those registered will be sent an email with the Zoom link and foster care information packet.

For those who would like to attend this virtual event, you will learn a variety of details about foster care from current licensed foster parents with SCCS, including information about the process, what kind of support is provided by the agency, and real life experiences shared by the panelists.

Agency staff personnel will be available to share information about the children who need a foster family and will be able to answer questions. SCCS is opening this event up to the entire community. Currently, SCCS has over 800 children in agency custody and nearly 170 licensed foster homes.

Through their mission, SCCS is committed to the safety, permanency and well-being of all children served, in partnership with families and the community. "SCCS needs foster families willing to love and care for the abused and neglected children in our county. These children deserve safety and stability," said Julie Barnes, Executive Director of SCCS.

For more information about this event and how to register, please go to the agency website at <u>www.summitkids.org</u> or call the foster home inquiry number at (330) 379-1990.