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

**AKRON, Ohio - February 2021** – Summit County Children Services (SCCS) will host a virtual Foster Parent Open House and panel presentation on Thursday, February 25 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 nearly 800 children in agency custody and close to 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. “We need families interested in opening up their hearts and homes and becoming foster parents for our most vulnerable children in this community,” said Julie Barnes, Executive Director of SCCS. ‘Be the Reason for Love,’ become a foster parent.

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

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