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DSS To Host Events Celebrating Adoption Awareness Month

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – November is Adoption Awareness Month, and the Cumberland County Department of Social Services is holding several events in the next few weeks to raise awareness of foster children and adoption.

A “Faces of Adoption” program will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at Berean Baptist Church, 517 Glensford Dr. The program will feature Mrs. City of Fayetteville Sarre White.

A fall festival for foster and adoptive parents is set for Nov. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the DSS building, located at 1225 Ramsey St.

An “Adoption Day” will be held Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fascinate-U Children’s Museum, 116 Green St. The event is open to the public and social workers will be on hand to answer questions for prospective adoptive parents.

“The museum is hosting Adoption Day and allowing foster children to come out and enjoy the opportunities they have at the museum,” said Sandra Robinson, foster care and adoption recruiter at DSS.

The department is joining thousands of agencies and child advocates across the nation to heighten awareness and focus on the needs of children who are waiting in foster care.

“Adoption Awareness month is a time to promote positive perceptions about the adoption experience and debunk myths in the hopes that we can unite many of these young people with forever families,” Robinson said. “Celebrations and observances will also serve to express gratitude to the many caring families that have already adopted and encourage others to come forward and recognize the need to provide permanent homes for children.”

In addition to Adoption Awareness events, DSS hosts foster care/adoption informational sessions on the third Thursday of each month at noon or 6:30 p.m. on the first floor of the DSS building. Anyone interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent is invited to attend.

“There is an increase in the number of children coming into foster care and, of course, foster care leads to adoption, which is permanent,” Robinson said. “We are just asking members of our community who have the time and patience and love to share to come to some of our events and learn more about the needs of the children in the community.”

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