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## **Washington County is Looking for Foster/Adoptive/Respite Families**

In recognition of National Adoption Month and the ongoing need to recruit foster parents, the Washington County Department of Social Services is hosting an open informational session so that all interested individuals over 21, can learn more about the rewarding experience of fostering, adopting or respite. Foster Care Recruitment Staff will be available to answer your questions and provide insight on the process of becoming certified foster and adoptive parents.

We believe in the “one child, one home” approach so that parents can focus their energy on one child or one sibling group. We also provide direct support of foster and adoptive homes by working in conjunction with parents, and community resources including schools and providers. Can’t commit to fostering, how about short-term respite to provide support to a foster parent and become another positive connection for a child.

All are welcome to attend either open informational session at the Washington County Municipal Center located at 383 Broadway, Building B in Fort Edward on November 17, 2022 between 12 to 2 pm or 4 to 6 pm in Training Rooms 1 and 2. Refreshments will be served and there will be giveaways.

For additional information, questions or local media interviews, please contact Naomi Palmer, Family Recruitment Specialist at (518) 746-2300 ext. 3380, Lisa Boyce, Home Finder at (518) 746-2284 or Michele Smith, Supervisor of the HOPE unit (518) 746-2283.