



# News Release

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## **Adoption Awareness Event Nov. 8**

FAYETTEVILLE – An Adoption Awareness Event will be held Nov. 8 at Grace Baptist Church, 3901 Raeford Rd., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. November is Adoption Awareness Month and the Department of Social Services is highlighting efforts to recruit families to provide loving foster and adoptive homes. There are more than 800 children in DSS care in Cumberland County.

To become a foster or adoptive parent, you must:

- Be age 21 or older
- Be able to meet your own financial needs, although there is no specific income requirement.
- Have room in your house, but do not have to own a home.
- Submit to a criminal background check and fingerprinting.

For more information, call 910-677-2541 or go to [dss.co.cumberland.nc.us](http://dss.co.cumberland.nc.us)

Information meetings for individuals or families interesting in adopting or fostering children are held the third Thursday of every month in the first floor conference room of the DSS building at 1225 Ramsey St. Two meetings are held, one at noon and the second at 6:30 p.m.