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**Foster Care Awareness Fair May 16**

*DSS hosts fair for potential foster parents at Cliffdale*

Cliffdale Regional Branch, 6882 Cliffdale Road, is holding a Foster Care Awareness Fair on Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Cumberland County Department of Social Services describes the process of fostering and how you can make a difference to last a lifetime by becoming a foster parent. May is Foster Care Awareness Month.

Foster care is a temporary living arrangement for abused, neglected and dependent children who need a safe place to live when their parents or another relative cannot take care of them. Children may stay in foster care for only a few days or much longer. Thousands of children in North Carolina ranging in age from infants to 18 years old enter the foster care system each year. The foster family, DSS and the birth family work together to return children to their own homes as quickly as possible.

For more information on this and other free programs and services at your library, visit [www.cumberland.lib.nc.us](http://www.cumberland.lib.nc.us) or call (910) 864-3800.

*More information on foster care is available at [www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/fostercare](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/fostercare).*

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