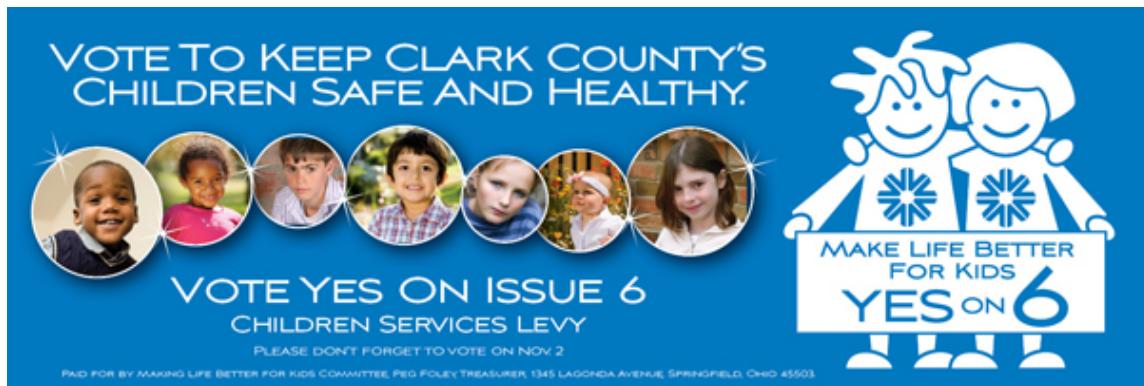


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Six Reasons Why Supporting Our Kids Is Better For Everyone

1) Only Children Services respond to needs and incidents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

In 2009 alone, we investigated 1,144 allegations of child abuse and neglect. But by offering families help earlier in the process, Children Services made it possible for more children to remain in their homes. Included are programs focused on physical and sexual child abuse, adoption, foster families and kinship care programs. Only Children Services stands ready to respond around the clock to crisis situations involving children.

2) We keep our community's families strong and together.



The mission of Family & Children Services of Clark County is to promote protection, stability and permanency for children and older adults.

- [Summer Sky 2010](#)



WorkPlus helps job seekers prepare for rewarding employment opportunities and employers find qualified employees they need to succeed in a changing economy.

- [Clark County's Road to Recovery](#)



We work with over 900 children at any given time. Many others are placed with relatives or friends. When children must be removed from a home, we work hard at reunification. When children must be removed permanently from their homes, adoptive families provide a new nurturing home. With strong preventive efforts, the number of children placed away from home is at a five-year low.

3) Children Services partners with local community organizations to effectively leverage every dollar spent.

Through support of essential and effective organizations and programs, we help make a lasting impact on the wellbeing of children and strength of our families and community. This includes organizations such as Rocking Horse Center, Project Jericho, Child Advocacy Center and Marriage Resource Center.

4) Belt-tightening efforts have cut costs significantly...improving efficiencies and reducing staff levels...all while the need has doubled.

Although the number of families and children served has more than doubled in the past decade, our staffing has been reduced by 25%.

5) Federal & state funding cuts increase the importance of local funding. Ohio ranks last in its support of child protection.

We are a public agency supported by local, state and federal tax dollars. Funding from the State of Ohio has been reduced by 34% (Ohio ranks last among all 50 states in its support of child protection service). Federal funding has been cut 16% in the past three years.

6) The replacement levy is our first in 25 years. Expenses have risen by 98%. All it takes is 25¢ a day to keep Clark County families strong.

At Child Support Services of Clark County, we work with individuals and families to ensure children are supported.

- [Parents As Partners \(PAP\)](#)



Helping families eliminate obstacles to gain and maintain employment and self-sufficiency

- [BenefitsPlus Recognized for SNAP Payment Accuracy](#)

DEPARTMENT MILESTONES

Employment milestones of Department staff, by month, and number of years

5 YEARS

August - Lehan Peters
November - Africa Oliver
December - Diana L. Foster

10 YEARS

September - Michelle M. Chaney
October - Denise L. Alexander
October - Sandra Mendenhall
October - Tondalaya Hendricks
October - Robert E. Cleelan
November - Mark A. Cole
November - Kristie L. Heckman
December - Monique Timmons

15 YEARS

August - Kimberly S. Dyer
December - Sandra K. Miller

20 YEARS

September - Karen D. Barnhart
October - Wendy M. Holt

25 YEARS

September - Vicki Taylor Roberts

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