

How much will the levy cost me?

- .75 mill levy
- Not new tax
- Less than 5 cents a day!

What is Renewal Issue 17?

- First passed in 1985
- Maintain services to protect children from abuse and neglect

Why is the issue 17 renewal important?

- If issue 17 were not passed, Children Services will not be able to adequately protect Portage County children from abuse and neglect
- The amount of services will be dramatically reduced if the levy is not passed
- Maintains services
 - counseling
 - trauma evaluations
 - parenting education
 - licensing of foster homes
 - finding adoptive homes

Does issue 17 renewal levy fund the CARES hotline?

- Yes, a 24 hour CARES hotline

How many calls are handled each year?

- 2013– 4,025 calls of suspected abuse or neglect
- The agency provided alternative placements for more than 200 youth

What will happen if the levy is not renewed?

- Levy brings in \$1.6 million of the agency's annual budget
- Levy funds are matched by Federal funding
- Heroin epidemic
 - Increased number of children with multitude of needs
- Without community support
 - Decrease/loss of support services
 - High risk for continued abuse or neglect of children.