

Children Services LEVY Fact Sheet

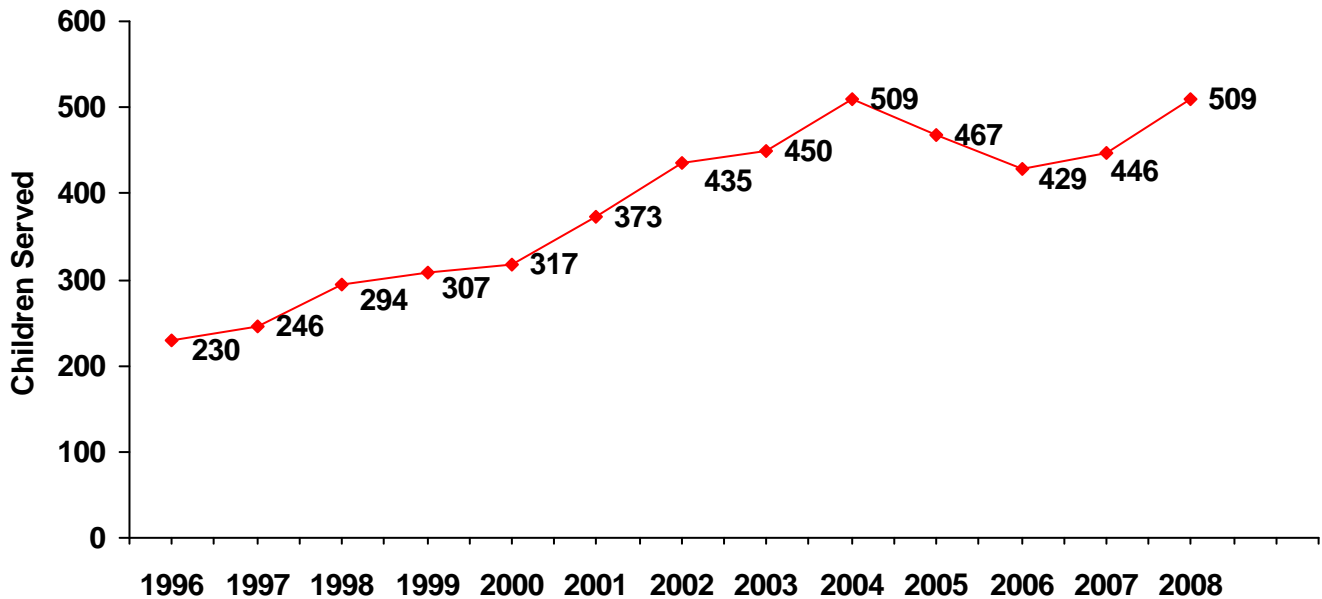
(updated through March 24, 2009)

- The purpose of the Children Services Levy is to assist in the “**Care and Protection of Abused, Neglected and Dependent Children and the Support of Children Services**”.
- The LEVY Supports the following Services to Children
 - Foster Care (Assists in paying Foster Care costs for children in the legal custody of the Agency).
 - Residential Treatment Services (comprehensive treatment programs for children who manifest primarily emotional, psychological, behavioral or social problems).
 - Adoption Assistance to Families who have adopted “special needs” children.
 - Provides local matching funds for Child Abuse/Neglect related Emergency Service Payments in order to prevent the child’s removal or to reunite the child with the family (e.g. emergency utility payments, emergency respite care services, etc.)
 - Provides local support services to older Youth who are leaving Foster Care/Treatment Services (Independent Living Services)
 - Provides local support services (e.g. Information & Referral, access to Specialized Services, etc.) to Relative Caregivers (Kinship Services)
 - Provides local matching funds for specialized services for children/families (e.g., Psychological Evaluations, Counseling, Medical Services, etc.)
 - Provides Local Matching funds for Child Abuse Investigations and Case Management Services including Foster Care and Adoption.
- The LEVY is the **ONLY committed** source of **LOCAL** Funding for Abused and Neglected Children.
- **LEVY HISTORY**
 - In 1985 a one-mill Children Services LEVY was approved by the voters of Licking County. This LEVY was in effect from 1986 through 1995 and raised approximately \$1,115,000 each year.
 - In 1995 a one-mill replacement LEVY was approved. This LEVY was in effect from 1996 through 2005 and raised approximately \$2,100,000 each year.
 - Due to the growth of the County, increasing social service needs and the increasing number of abused and neglected children, the LEVY was not financially able to support the entire cost of the care for children from 2002 through 2005. During this period additional county support was required.
 - In November 2004 Voters approved, by a 58.9% majority, a one-mill replacement LEVY. This LEVY is in affect from 2006 through 2015 and raises approximately \$3,100,000 each year.
 - Due to increasing Social Service needs and the increasing number of abused and neglected children, the LEVY has not been financially able to support the entire cost of care for children. Additional County support has been maintained to help insure the safety of abused and neglected children.

Children in Placement* Statistics

Year	# Children in Placement as of Jan. 1 each year	# Children entering Placement during year	Total Children served in Placement
1996	139	96	235
1997	131	116	247
1998	158	137	295
1999	198	111	309
2000	215	102	317
2001	234	140	374
2002	227	208	435
2003	300	150	450
2004	326	183	509
2005	309	158	467
2006	267	162	429
2007	262	184	446
2008	303	206	509
2009	309	38 (as of 3/24/09)	347 (as of 3/24/09)

*Includes Foster, Substitute Care and Residential Treatment Care



Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect

Intake Referrals-Reports of Abuse or Neglect	
Year	Number of Intake Referrals Received (Families)
1996	1516
1997	1441
1998	1334
1999	1309
2000	1318
2001	1478
2002	1869
2003	1855
2004	1841
2005	1692
2006	1507
2007	1504
2008	1547

Each referral averages 2-3 children