Tip #2 for Parents Talking to Candidates Running for Public Office

Child maltreatment is a preventable public health problem.

*Every child in Minnesota is the precious responsibility of all Minnesota citizens.*

Child abuse and maltreatment is a preventable public health problem. Every child deserves public policies that give them and their caregivers equal access to supportive resources like Circle of Parents' support groups that help reduce the chance that abuse and neglect will occur.

**SITUATION:** Neglect is the most common expression of child maltreatment and is often a direct result of poverty: lack of stable, affordable and healthy housing, low-wage employment or no employment, and food instability.

**FACT:** Many low-wage working parents do not qualify for unemployment insurance when they lose work. Instead, they must turn to MFIP for time-limited help. The program has eroded under inflation. On average, monthly cash assistance is $348 per family. Nearly 70% of families enrolled in MFIP are raising a child under the age of 6 and do not have the income necessary to meet the most basic of needs. (Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless 2016 legislative platform)

**QUESTION:** How will you address these issues for the families in Minnesota?

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I'm Glad You Asked!

1. Register to vote online at [mvotes.org](http://mvotes.org)
2. Same Day Registration means you can register at your polling place on Election Day
3. Mail in a completed registration form to your county elections office