

Talking Points – Foster Care

- As a mother and former Attorney General, Gov. Chris Gregoire shares our values and understands what it takes to keep our children safe, including our state's foster kids.
- Gov. Gregoire hired 400 new caseworkers to help protect foster care children. These new case workers were able to increase the attention given to each foster child.
- Her investments meant serious cases of potential abuse would be investigated within 24 hours, not the previous standard of 72 hours.
- Since 2005, Governor Gregoire has provided more than \$50 million in new funding for child welfare services.
- Just like George Bush, Republican Dino Rossi is out of touch with our values. His special interest friends at the BIAW launched this attack to hide his record.
- As a state senator, Republican Dino Rossi opposed increasing the number of foster care workers, denying some of the most vulnerable kids in our state a chance to spend more time with trained counselors.
- Republican Dino Rossi opposed recruiting and training more foster parents, denying foster children a chance at finding a home.
- Republican Dino Rossi even opposed providing healthcare coverage to foster kids.