



**DOOR COUNTY**

**Resolution No. 2016-57**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING IN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY AIDS ALLOCATION**

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
AUSTAD			
BACON			
ENGLEBERT D.			
ENGLEBERT R.			
ENIGL			
FISHER			
GUNNLAUGSSON			
HAINES			
HALSTEAD			
KOCH			
KOHOUT			
LIENAU			
LUNDAHL			
MOELLER			
NEINAS			
ROBILLARD			
SCHULTZ			
SITTE			
SOHNS			
VIRLEE			
WAIT			

**BOARD ACTION**

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

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Motion to Approve:  Adopted

1st Moeller Defeated

2nd Englebert

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exc: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: [Signature], Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: [Signature], Administrator

**FISCAL IMPACT:** While this resolution urges the State of Wisconsin to increase its funding to counties in its 2017-19 state biennial budget for Child Protective Services, there is no direct fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this resolution. MEJ

**Certification:**

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 20th day of September, 2016 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

[Signature]  
Jill M. Lau  
County Clerk, Door County

1        WHEREAS, The Department of Children and Families provides funding to counties through the  
2 Children and Family Aids allocation for the provision of child abuse and neglect services, including  
3 prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs; and  
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5        WHEREAS, Base funding for child welfare services has not increased since the Department of  
6 Children and Families was created in 2009; and  
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8        WHEREAS, Over the past few years, the child welfare workload has increased in all counties  
9 across the state; and  
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11        WHEREAS, The number of child protective services (CPS) referrals has increased by 30 percent  
12 since 2007 – from 55,895 referrals in 2007 to 72,698 in 2014; and  
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14        WHEREAS, The number of children in out-of-home care has increased from 7,653 in 2011 to  
15 8,258 in 2015; and  
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17        WHEREAS, The number of screened-in CPS reports has increased from 18,706 in 2011 to  
18 20,384 in 2015; and  
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20        WHEREAS, The number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions filed  
21 with the court has increased 12.5 percent from 2008 to 2015; and  
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23        WHEREAS, Counties are struggling to recruit and retain child welfare workers; and  
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25        WHEREAS, The stress of increasing caseloads is taking its toll on CPS workers, causing many  
26 experienced child welfare workers to leave the profession; and  
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28        WHEREAS, The leading cause of these increases is the use of heroin, opiates, and  
29 methamphetamines; and  
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31        WHEREAS, It is critical that counties have the resources necessary to ensure the safety of  
32 children in every corner of the state; and  
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34        WHEREAS, Counties are struggling to identify resources to increase child welfare staff,  
35 especially given the significant overmatch counties already put in the human services system.  
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37        NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Door County Board of Supervisors does  
38 hereby request that the state of Wisconsin, in its 2017-19 state biennial budget, increase funding to  
39 counties in the Children and Family Aids allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number  
40 of children and families in the child welfare system; and  
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42        BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker,  
43 Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of Administration  
44 Secretary Scott Neitzel, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

SUBMITTED BY: HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

[Signature] Mark Moeller, Chair

[Signature] Megan Lundahl

[Signature] Helen Bacon

[Signature] Nancy Robillard

[Signature] Roy Englebert

Wayne Kudick  
Thomas Leist  
Joe Miller  
Robert Rau