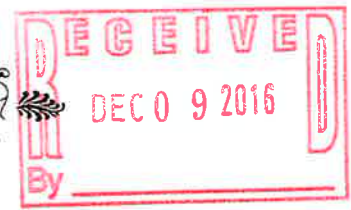


# RESOLUTION



Resolution No. R11-2016-1237

## ASHLAND COUNTY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING IN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY AIDS ALLOCATION

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Children and Families provides funding to counties through the Children and Family Aids allocation for the provision of child abuse and neglect services, including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs; and

**WHEREAS**, base funding for child welfare services has not increased since the Department of Children and Families was created in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past few years, the child welfare workload has increased in all counties across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of statewide child protective services (CPS) referrals has increased by 30 percent since 2007 – from 55,895 referrals in 2007 to 72,698 in 2014; and in Ashland County the number of CPS referrals remained consistently high from 115 in 2007 to 119 in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of children in out-of-home care in Wisconsin has increased from 7,653 in 2011 to 8,258 in 2015; and in Ashland County the number of children in out-of-home care increased from 14 in 2011 to 26 in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of screened-in CPS reports has increased from 18,706 in 2011 to 20,384 in 2015 statewide; and in Ashland County the number of screened-in CPS reports increased from 55 in 2011 to 90 in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions filed with the court has increased 12.5 percent from 2008 to 2015; and in Ashland County the number of CHIPS petitions filed with the court increased from 9 in 2008 to 18 in 2015 and currently for the year 2016 (to date as of 10/27/2016) 37 petitions filed – a 410% increase; and

**WHEREAS**, counties are struggling to recruit and retain child welfare workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the stress of increasing caseloads is taking its toll on CPS workers, causing many experienced child welfare workers to leave the profession; and

**WHEREAS**, the leading cause of these increases is the use of heroin, opiates, and methamphetamines; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that counties have the resources necessary to ensure the safety of children in every corner of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, counties are struggling to identify resources to increase child welfare staff, especially given the significant overmatch counties already put in the human services system.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on the motion of 5th District Supervisor Clarence Campbell, Chairman of the Ashland County Health and Human Services Board, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin, in its 2017-19 state biennial budget, increase funding to counties in the Children and Family Aids allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number of children and families in the child welfare system; and

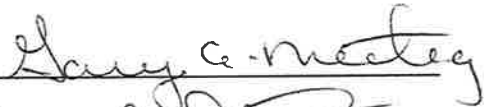


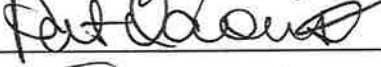
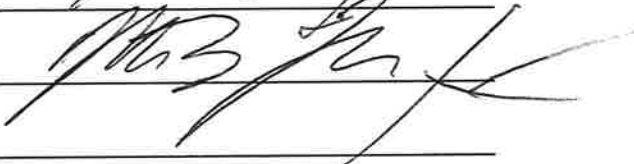
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 15th day of November, 2016.

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