



# ADAMS COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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October 7, 2016

Wisconsin Counties Association  
Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf  
22 E Mifflin Street, Suite 900  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Ms. Diedrick-Kasdorf:

I am writing this correspondence to request that you support Adams County Resolution 40-2016 which requests increased funding to counties in the Children and Families Aids allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number of children and families in the child welfare system. Children and Family Aids provides funding for the provision of child abuse and neglect services, including prevention, investigation and out-of-home placement costs. Base funding has not been increased since 2009.

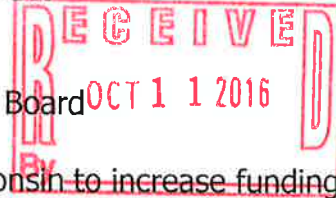
- In Adams County, child protective services referrals has increased by 90% since 2010 from 248 referrals in 2010 to 471 referrals in 2015 and of these numbers, there was a 294% increase in children alleged to have been neglected.
- In Adams County, the number of children in out-of-home care increased from 67 in 2011 to 87 in 2015.
- A leading cause for these increases is the use of heroin, opiates and methamphetamines. In 2015, Adams County opened 346 child welfare cases, 56% of cases had a drug abuse issue by a parent or caregiver.

It is critical that Wisconsin counties have the resources necessary to ensure the safety of children in every corner of the state. Thank you for your consideration of support for this program.

Sincerely,

Kelly Oleson  
Director  
Adams County Health & Human Services Department

**RESOLUTION 40 - 2016**  
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING IN THE CHILDREN  
AND FAMILY AIDS ALLOCATION**



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**INTRODUCED BY:** Health and Human Services Board

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** To request the State of Wisconsin to increase funding to counties in the Children and Families Aids allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number of children and families in the child welfare system.

**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 child protective services (CPS) referrals has increased by 30 percent across the State since 2007 – from 55,895 in 2007 to 72,698 in 2014. In Adams County, child protective services (CPS) referrals increased by 90 percent since 2010 - from 248 referrals in 2010 to 471 referrals in 2015 and of these numbers, there was a 294 percent increase in children alleged to have been neglected.

**WHEREAS:** The number of children in out-of-home care has increased from 7,653 in 2011 to 8,258 in 2015. In Adams County the number of children in out-of-home care increased from 67 in 2011 to 87 in 2015; and

**WHEREAS:** The number of screened-in CPS reports has increased from 18,706 in 2011 to 20,384 in 2015; and

**WHEREAS:** Counties are struggling to recruit and retain child welfare workers. Adams County has had numerous vacancies that have taken extended periods of recruitment to fill; 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. In 2015, Adams County opened 346 child welfare cases, 56 percent of cases had a drug abuse issue by a parent or caregiver; and

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

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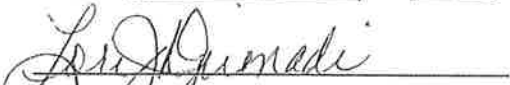
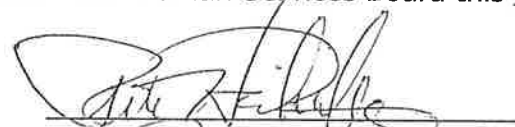
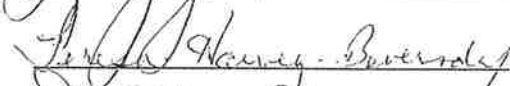



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**WHEREAS:** Counties are struggling to identify resources to increase child welfare staff, especially given the significant overmatch counties already put in the human services system.


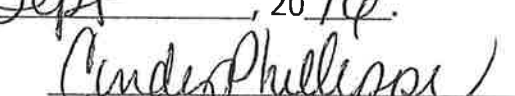
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Adams County Board of Supervisors** does hereby request that the State of Wisconsin, in its 2017-2019 state biennial budget, increase funding to counties in the Children and Family Aids allocation to assist counties in serving the number of children and families in the child welfare system; and

**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

Recommended for adoption by the Health and Human Services Board this 12 day of September, 2016.

Adopted X  
Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ by the Adams County Board of Supervisors this  
Tabled 20 day of Sept, 2016.

	
County Board Chair	County Clerk

- Reviewed by Corporation Counsel
- Reviewed by County Manager/Administrative Coordinator