



Resolution No. 42 (2016)
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING IN
THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY AIDS ALLOCATION IN THE
STATE BIENNIAL BUDGET

1 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Children and Families provides funding to counties
2 through the Children and Family Aids allocation for the provision of child abuse and neglect
3 services, which is described generally as child welfare services and includes prevention, access,
4 assessment, ongoing services, and out-of-home placement costs; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, State based funding for child welfare services has not increased since the
7 Department of Children and Families was created in 2009; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, St. Croix County’s average yearly Children and Family Aids allocation
10 from 2011 through 2016 was \$512,968; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the St. Croix County total 2016 Children and Family Aids allocation is
13 \$524,204; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, the estimated 2017 tax levy to support the provision of child welfare
16 services in St. Croix County is \$1.1 million; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, over the past few years, the child welfare workload has increased in all
19 counties across the state; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the number of child protective services (CPS) referrals has increased by
22 approximately 30% since 2007 from 55,895 referrals in 2007 to 72,698 in 2014; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, the number of children in out-of-home care has increased approximately
25 8% since 2011 from 7,653 in 2011 to 8,258 in 2015; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, the number of screened-in CPS reports has increased by approximately 9%
28 since 2011 from 18,706 in 2011 to 20,384 in 2015; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS)
31 petitions filed with the court has increased 12.5% from 2008 to 2015; and
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33 **WHEREAS**, St. Croix County specific data trends is generally consistent with statewide
34 trends; and
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36 **WHEREAS**, the number of St. Croix County child protective services (CPS) referrals
37 has increased by approximately 20% percent since 2011 from 1,141 referrals in 2011 to 1,363 in
38 2015; and
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40 **WHEREAS**, the number of St. Croix County children in out-of-home care and kinship
41 care relative placement has remained relatively consistent with an average 41 children from 2011
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WHEREAS, the number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions filed with the St. Croix County court has increased 126% since 2011 through August of 2016 from 23 in 2011 to 52 in August of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the number of St. Croix County screened-in CPS reports has increased by approximately 46% since 2011 from 267 in 2011 to 390 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, in the 2016 budget, the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors supported the addition of a child protection assessment worker with no additional Children and Family Aids allocation for the position; and

WHEREAS, in the 2016 budget, operational changes were made with existing staff to dedicate additional time for child protection referrals; and

WHEREAS, the leading cause of these increases is the use of heroin, opiates, and methamphetamines by parents or caregivers; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the State of Wisconsin, in the 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

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.

Legal – Fiscal – Administrative Approvals:

Legal Note:

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact is undetermined at this time as staff explores the options available should state funding not be increased.


Scott L. Cox, Corporation Counsel 9/8/2016

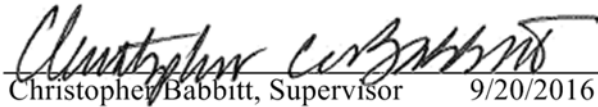

Robert Mittet, Finance Director 9/8/2016


Patrick Thompson, County Administrator 9/8/2016

09/13/16 Health & Human Services Board APPROVED

RESULT: APPROVED [6 TO 0]
AYES: Logelin, Babbitt, Kiesler, Anderson, Leibfried, Ramsay
ABSTAIN: Tom Coulter, Bob Long
ABSENT: Deb Rasmussen

Vote Confirmation.


Christopher Babbitt, Supervisor 9/20/2016

St. Croix County Board of Supervisors Action:

Roll Call - Vote Requirement – Majority of Supervisors Present

RESULT:	ADOPTED [15 TO 0]
MOVER:	Christopher Babbitt, Supervisor
SECONDER:	Paulette Anderson, Supervisor
AYES:	Sicard, Ring, Babbitt, Nelson, Berke, Ostness, Larson, Hansen, Kiesler, Brinkman, Peterson, Anderson, Achterhof, Leibfried, Peavey
ABSTAIN:	Tom Coulter, Bob Long
ABSENT:	Roy Sjoberg, Laurie Bergren

This Resolution was Adopted by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on October 4, 2016

Cindy Campbell, County Clerk