

Chippewa County Board sends message: State needs more money for child services

4:16 pm

January 8, 2019

*Top Stories, Local News, News

<http://wqow.com/news/2019/01/08/chippewa-county-board-sends-message-state-needs-more-money-for-child-services/>

Chippewa County (WQOW) – The Chippewa County Board voted unanimously to send a message to lawmakers that more money is needed for child protective services statewide.

Tonight, the board approved a resolution requesting an additional \$30 million from the legislature.

That would be divided among the state's 72 counties and be used to hire more social workers. Officials say the rise in drug cases has led to a spike in the need for the services.

The proof is in the numbers. In 2015, only 15 kids were in placement in Chippewa County. Last year, more than 200 kids were placed – many of them coming from drug infested homes.

The resolution will now be sent to lawmakers in Madison.