

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-75**

**RESOLUTION BY THE HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
AUTHORIZING THE RACINE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO  
CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATELY-OPERATED YOUTH RECEIVING HOME FACILITY  
FOR TEMPORARY OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the Human Services Department is hereby authorized and approved to contract with a third party for operation of a youth Shelter Facility or Receiving Home within Racine County which can offer around-the-clock care and supervision for infants and children.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the execution of these contracts and any contract addenda shall be subject to the review and approval of the Corporation Counsel and the Human Services Director.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the County Clerk, the County Board Chairman and/or the County Executive are authorized to execute any contracts or contract addenda to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

2nd Reading \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert N. Miller, Chairman

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

Against \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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Donnie Snow, Vice-Chairman

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Mike Dawson, Secretary

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

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4 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of**  
5 **Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

6 **Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

7 **Vetoed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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9 **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_,

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12 **Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive**

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14 **INFORMATION ONLY**

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16 **WHEREAS**, there are currently 360 children in out-of-home care, a 40% increase  
17 over 2016; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, placements are often made under emergency circumstances with  
20 little time to select the most appropriate home; there are a limited number of available  
21 foster homes in Racine County and sibling groups are often separated because of the  
22 lack of homes able to accommodate them; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, infants and children with special needs often require specialized care  
25 available only through a limited number of homes; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, in recognition of the hardship faced by so many children who must be  
28 removed from their homes to provide a safe, nurturing setting until relatives or longer  
29 term foster home placement can be established, Human Services is proposing to contract  
30 with a third party for operation of a youth Shelter Facility or Receiving Home within  
31 Racine County which can offer around-the-clock care and supervision for infants and  
32 children, at any given time; and

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34 **WHEREAS**, a shelter care facility may be used for the temporary care of children  
35 taken into protective custody, in need of transitional placements in emergency situations,  
36 or placed in the shelter care facility by order of the court; and

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38 **WHEREAS**, the authority for a county board of supervisors to establish a shelter  
39 care facility and to delegate its authority to contract with privately operated shelter care  
40 facilities for purchase of services to its county department is set forth at Wis. Stat. §  
41 938.22.