



Milwaukee County 2015-2016 Policy Priorities

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

- Support authorization of a local funding mechanism to support transit, parks and emergency medical services.

HEALTH & HUMAN NEEDS

- Support providing counties with additional tools to provide treatment to individuals convicted of operating while intoxicated (OWI) by: increasing funding for the intoxicated driver program; and, modifying the share of the Driver Improvement Surcharge returned to counties.
- Support the expansion and availability of in-home safety services to families.
- Support the expansion and availability of medical care coverage for low-income individuals.
- Support a one-year limit on the timeframe in which insurance companies and third party payers seeking recoupment of previously paid claims may notify the service provider of such intent.
- Support efforts that improve mental health service delivery.

CHILD SUPPORT

- Support efforts that allow for the modernization and streamlining of child support agencies and assist in their collection and paternity processing efforts.
- Support efforts that propose to collect child support debt owed before collecting any other debt such that it would occur before other debts owed to the state.

COURTS & JUVENILE JUSTICE

- Support the provision of adequate resources to assist counties in implementing additional TAD programs.
- Support efforts that reduce drug abuse and addiction and provide treatment alternatives.
- Support state-led efforts to eliminate domestic violence and human sex-trafficking.
- Support efforts that safely and cost-effectively reduce the prison population.

JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY

- Support elimination of the Department of Corrections' ability to pro-rate payments to jails.
- Support efforts that improve outcomes for individuals subject to Chapter 51 emergency detentions.

STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Support efforts that strengthen state-county partnerships and bolster the county's ability to adequately address citizens' needs.
- Support efforts to sustain Milwaukee County's cultural attractions, performing arts centers, and other venues that support a vibrant entertainment and educational community.
- Support personnel flexibility for counties in their performance of statutorily required duties.
- Oppose efforts that would erode the local tax base.
- Oppose efforts that would reduce or minimize local decision-making authority.