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## Rep Van Orden tours Chileda

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LA CROSSE, Wis. (WXOW) - Third Congressional District Representative Derrick Van Orden stopped by Chileda, a living and learning center for children and adults with behavioral challenges in La Crosse.

The congressman took a tour of the facility and asked questions about what it offers. Van Orden also asked about some of the barriers that the facility sees.

Van Orden said he has noticed across Wisconsin's Third Congressional District that the place people go when experiencing a mental health crisis is jail.



He said the federal government stepped back from dealing with people with chronic disabilities and would like to see efforts to help return to Washington D.C.



“I think it’s time for the federal government to get back involved in this because we see this in every single county,” Rep. Van Orden said. “And imagine if these guys at Chileda had some type of direct federal funding to make sure that they could expand their services for the whole Coulee Region. That would be awesome. What we’re trying to do is figure out if the federal government can assist in these programs. And I think we might be able to.”

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