

Dept. of Health Services: Opioid crisis response includes trauma-informed care

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Professionals responding to Wisconsin's [opioid crisis](#) are learning how to be more engaging, empowering, and effective in prevention and treatment services through using trauma-informed care at a training held at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee West today and tomorrow. This training is sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS).

"Trauma-informed care provides hope and healing to individuals, families, and communities," said DHS Director of Opioid Initiatives Paul Krupski. "Strategies to address the opioid crisis must recognize trauma as a driver of addiction. Limiting exposure to trauma and promoting resilience in groups put at risk by exposure to adversity is important. Understanding how the past impacts the present will help individuals recover and return to productive lives."

"[Wisconsin's Opioid Crisis: A Trauma-Informed Response\(link is external\)](#)" is a two-part training. Today's training is focused on the correlation between traumatic experiences and opioid addiction. Tomorrow's training will focus on the needs of people who have suffered traumatic experiences and how to build services that reflect these needs. Nearly 200 people are participating in this event.

This is one of two conferences sponsored by DHS as part of Wisconsin's State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis funded by a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Registration is now open for the [Opioid Forum takes place April 11-12 in Milwaukee.](#)

Follow the DHS response to the opioid crisis on Twitter at [#HopeActLiveWI](#)(link is external).