

First Lady Walker: Wisconsin is leading the nation on trauma-informed care

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MILWAUKEE – First Lady Tonette Walker today hosted a Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) event in Milwaukee highlighting TIC implementation throughout Wisconsin with a governmental delegation from Norway.

“Wisconsin is a national leader when it comes to implementing Trauma-Informed Care,” said First Lady Tonette Walker. “Through Trauma-Informed Care we are able to change outcomes for children and families in Wisconsin, the United States, and around the world. Here in Wisconsin, we have seen TIC make a difference in our communities. By partnering with experts and sharing our ideas and best practices, we can amplify our positive results. I am excited to continue working with this Norwegian delegation and any other governments to bring Trauma-Informed Care to the forefront.”

The Norwegian delegation consists of local government and organizational leadership interested in gaining knowledge about Wisconsin’s Trauma-Informed Care activities and how the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences is transforming policies and practices within communities, organizations, and government.

Through the leadership of the First Lady with Fostering Futures, six Wisconsin agencies, including the Department of Health Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Workforce Development, Department of Children and Families, Department of Corrections, and Wisconsin Economic Development

Corporation are already implementing Trauma-Informed Care principles within their interactions with each other as well as in the services they provide.

The First Lady is also working on the national stage to bring TIC to other states. Earlier this year she worked with Congressman Mike Gallagher (WI-8) on creating House Resolution 443 which passed the House with overwhelming, bipartisan support. This legislation recognizes the importance and demonstrated the effectiveness of TIC. It also encourages its use within federal government programs.

For additional details about the First Lady's efforts to incorporate Trauma-Informed Care in Wisconsin's communities, please see attachment.