

Sen. Darling: Statement on Gov. Walker's Juvenile Justice Reform Plan

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Madison - On Thursday, State Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) issued the following statement regarding Governor Walker's plan to transition Lincoln Hills to an adult medium security facility and create regional youth prisons.

"I believe Governor Walker's plan is an important step in improving the outcomes for incarcerated youth in our state. The safety of our children and our citizens are a top priority for me.

Moving to a regional system will create a safer environment and make sure juveniles get the support they need from family members. This change is critical to expanding access to mental health and trauma-informed care for our most vulnerable youth. My hope is this move will reduce recidivism rates and increase positive outcomes when children finish their incarceration.

I look forward to working with Governor Walker on this important issue."

Senator Darling represents portions of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha Counties.