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ICYMI: Scott Walker Highlights the Importance of Trauma-Informed Care

[Madison, Wis.] – In recognizing Trauma-Informed Care Day, Gov. Scott Walker and First Lady Tonette Walker visited Elkhorn to spotlight their commitment to ensuring that all Wisconsin children, regardless of their background, have the opportunity to succeed.

Led by Mrs. Walker, the Governor and First Lady have been working tirelessly to promote trauma-informed care in Wisconsin. The First Lady's initiative, Fostering Futures, helps organizations better recognize, understand, and address the effects of trauma on the lives of children and families. The Governor and First Lady are dedicated to supporting strong, stable families across Wisconsin and preventing child abuse through education, planning, and coordination with community resources.

Read more from the Janesville Gazette [here](#) or find excerpts below:

Walkers praise Rock County's trauma-informed care

By Nate Jackson

Janesville Gazette

Gov. Scott Walker touted Rock County's trauma-informed care program Tuesday morning in Elkhorn, saying it has made strides in "understanding the stress" of physical and mental trauma on children.

The governor and first lady Tonette Walker—who has championed such programs—made the comments during a visit to The Tree House Child and Family Center in Walworth County. The two led discussions with local and state child wellness and abuse specialists during their first stop in promoting Wisconsin's Trauma-Informed Care Day.

The Walkers pointed to Rock County Human Services Director Kate Luster as a leader in county trauma-informed care.

Tonette Walker praised Luster's department for helping reform juvenile court protocols to accommodate victims of childhood trauma. Changes have included an overhaul of court scheduling, courtrooms that are more comfortable for families and revisions to hearing procedures.

"They've changed the way they do business, and that's really what we're doing with trauma-informed care," Tonette Walker said. ...

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