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Opioid Crisis Response Includes Trauma-Informed Care

Training focuses on the link between trauma and addiction to help bring hope and healing to patients

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

“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](#)” 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 second event. [The Opioid Forum takes place April 11-12 in Milwaukee.](#)

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Wisconsin's Opioid Crisis: A Trauma-Informed Response

The Department of Health Services is hosting a training that will explore the link between trauma and opioid abuse, including trauma-informed approaches addiction professionals can use to more effectively serve clients. This training is part of Wisconsin's State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis funded by a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. This event is sold out; however media are invited to attend.

WHEN: March 8-9, 2018
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Crowne Plaza Milwaukee West,
10499 West Innovation Drive,
Wauwatosa, WI 53226