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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

The Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) and the Commission on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault hosts 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Love without Violence Conference

**MILWAUKEE, WI** – On Friday, October 18, 2019, city and community partners will convene to bring together survivors, advocates, and organizations working in the area of family violence. Attendees will hear from dynamic speakers, engage in compelling conversations, discuss best practices, and give insight on emerging issues on the realities of domestic violence. Following the press conference, there will be a dynamic performance of the arts with dance and spoken word to commence the conference.

Community members and media are highly encouraged to attend.

**When:** Friday, October 18, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

**Where:** Zilber School of Public Health  
1240 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53205

**Confirmed Speakers:** Dr. Jeanette Kowalik – City of Milwaukee Commissioner of Health  
Karin Tyler – City of Milwaukee Health Department Office of Violence Prevention  
Dana World Patterson, Chair – Commission of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault  
LaVerne Badger – Let’s Talk  
Carmen Pitre – Sojourner Family Peace Center  
Tia Love – ASHA Project  
Michael Washington – City of Milwaukee Police Department

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#### **City of Milwaukee Health Department Office of Violence Prevention**

The Office of Violence Prevention takes a public health approach to preventing and reducing violence through partnerships that strengthen youth, families, and neighborhoods. In 2017, OVP facilitated a community-wide effort to develop and launch Milwaukee’s first comprehensive violence prevention plan, known as the Blueprint for Peace. The Blueprint contains six (6) goals and 30 strategies prioritized by Milwaukee residents for making Milwaukee a safe and resilient city where the lives of all residents are valued, promoted, and protected. For more information visit: [www.414LIFE.com](http://www.414LIFE.com).

#### **414LIFE**

414LIFE is a program that uses a public health approach to violence. This program is modeled after Cure Violence, a successful violence prevention effort implemented in multiple cities around the world. The model engages credible messengers from the community to engage in prevention-based outreach and targeted conflict mediation. Through this partnership with local hospitals, the team will be trained to provide support to families, friends, and survivors of gun violence in local hospitals and the surrounding communities.