



Montana Department of Corrections

Victim Services

Steve Bullock, Governor

Lorraine Wodnik, Interim Director

January 21, 2017

To whom it may concern:

My name is Jamie Rogers and I have known Tara Walker-Lyons for a year and a half. She has volunteered/worked with me as a Victim Impact Panelist at Department of Corrections, where I am the Victim Program Manager. I have worked in victim services for the past 28 years.

I am writing to recommend that you consider Ms. Walker-Lyons for speaking engagements or educational purposes surrounding the very tough subject of childhood sexual abuse. In all my years of experience, some individuals stand out for their great qualities and Ms. Walker-Lyons is one of those people. She is well known for her compassion, dynamic speaking, teamwork mentality and her determination to bring this difficult subject out of the dark and into the light.

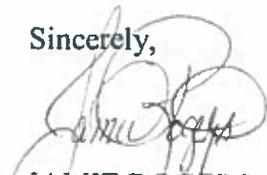
She is well respected by other panelists and by Department of Corrections Victim Impact Panel facilitators throughout the State of Montana. She is known for her strength in telling her story, for tactfully raising awareness of childhood sexual abuse and for speaking out as an advocate in an attempt to reduce the number of future victims of this crime. Throughout the time I've known her, she has shown me time and again that she is a positive, motivated leader with amazing potential.

During her time as a Victim Impact Panelist, she has played an important role in educating individuals throughout Montana's criminal justice system and felony offenders regarding the impact and importance of speaking about childhood sexual abuse. In fact, she was so effective in this department that she has been asked to speak at numerous other organizations throughout Montana and served as a mentor to children of childhood sexual abuse at an Oregon camp.

In summation, due to her dynamic personality, dedication and excellent potential, I would heartily recommend that you use Ms. Walker-Lyons as a fundamental resource for speaking, raising awareness and bringing the effects of childhood sexual abuse into the light. I am sure that she will not let you down and will be as great an asset to your team as she has been to mine.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. I can be reached at 406.444.7461 or at jrogers4@mt.gov.

Sincerely,



JAMIE ROGERS
Victim Program Manager