



### COMMUNITY ALERT

**Wisconsin Black Historical Society museum's annual Kwanzaa Celebration**

**Dec. 26th , 3:00p.m.**

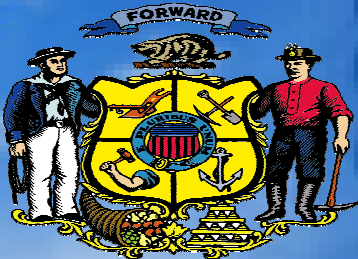
**\*\*Senator Taylor speaking at 3:45**

**Join in celebrating the first day of Kwanzaa and the theme of Unity**

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always I'm Here to Serve!



## CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC WORKERS NOT RATIFIED

Last Tuesday, the state senate failed to ratify the 17 union contracts for public workers. I voted, with many of my Democratic colleagues, to ratify the contracts which would have saved the state \$103 million. I voted this way because I believe that it's about the people who are affected by these contracts, not politics. The hard working men and women of the state, including corrections officers, state science professionals, professors, and law enforcement; deserve a contract, which they have been working without for the past 15 months. It is our job as legislators to continue to fulfill our duties for the period of time to which we were elected. It is now up to the Governor-elect to do the right thing and negotiate a fair and fiscally responsible agreement with the public workers of our state.



### JOIN ME FOR THE 1290 FAMILY FEAST ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The big fellowship event this holiday season is the 1290 Family Feast (above). It starts at 11:30 on December 25th. It's free, it's fun, and you can bring the entire family. I'm looking for-

ward to attending and visiting with all of you. I encourage everyone to come together as a community united in fellowship during the holidays to give, receive, and show love.

## INCREASED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC DEFENDERS, CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Recently, me and my colleagues on the Joint Finance Committee approved \$5.4 in funding for the state public defender program. By including this funding, people's right to legal counsel will be upheld as our state

constitution requires. However, this funding only lasts through April and I encourage the next Legislature to ensure it continues to be funded. We also provided \$4.25 million in additional funds for child support en-

forcement, of which \$2 million will go directly to Milwaukee County by the end of this calendar year. These additional funds will dramatically improve the lives of the children that need it the most.

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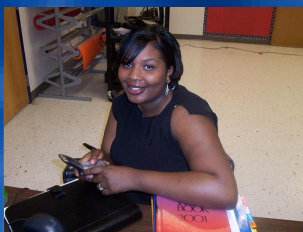
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Staff Spotlight



My name is Revelle Williams. I currently provide case management to Inmate Correspondence and Office Management. I enjoy working with the community and providing resources to individuals. I began working in Community Service opportunities at the age of 14 through the YMCA of Milwaukee where I volunteered countless hours of service.

Interested in an internship?

Contact the office at 608-266-5810 for more information and to apply!

COMMUNITY!

Participate in...

CYD's annual:  
"Kids that Santa Claus Forgot  
Toy Give Away"  
December 28<sup>th</sup>  
3 to 6 p.m.  
at North Division.

Come give or come receive. The holidays are a time to fellowship with others, so come participate in this great event.

Contact:  
Career Youth  
Development Inc.  
2601 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Drive  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212  
Phone: 414.264.6888 or  
414.267.3050  
Email: [cymilwaukee@aol.com](mailto:cymilwaukee@aol.com)

MANNERS CORNER

During this abundant season of Christmas Parties and New Year's Eve celebrations many of us are receiving a high volume of invitations. Did you know when you are asked to RSVP or please reply, it is appropriate to respond based on who the envelope is addressed to?

For example, if your envelope is addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, the host is expecting only Mr. and Mrs. Jones. Another example is Ms. Smith and Guest. In this case, Ms. Smith is invited to bring one person. When the envelope is addressed to Ms. Sara Smith. Sara Smith is *not* invited to bring a guest. The expectation is she will come alone. If the host is having an Adult Only event, please, do not bring children. Even, if your child is well-mannered, your imposition is impolite.

*This is Dana World Patterson reminding you that manners matter and they only take a moment.*

*Any questions, contact me at [Dana@visionsetiquettetraining.com](mailto:Dana@visionsetiquettetraining.com)*



NEWS FROM YOUR SENATOR

CREATING THE CHANGE!

This session I authored four laws and one resolution to remove obsolete and ineffective laws on driver's licenses. Because of these new laws, over 40,000 people in Milwaukee have had their driver's license's reinstated! This means that not only can people get to work legally, they can use installments to pay fines and avoid the cycle of debt that should never have happened.

BE SAFE OVER THE HOLIDAYS

With holiday parties frequent this time of year, many Wisconsinites tend to drink and drive. Be smart, plan to have a designated driver to avoid being in this situation. Also, with the stresses of the holiday season there is the temptation to self-medicate. Choose an AA or NA meeting instead. Remember it is not a hopeless situation.

Weekly Legislative Updates

In 2011, we will be returning to giving legislative updates on a weekly basis. As always, contact my office if you have any issues or would like to express your opinion on something happening in the Legislature. As your state senator, I am here to serve. Check our website, [Senatortaylor.com](http://Senatortaylor.com) for updates and to see when my next office hours will be. Have a happy and safe holiday season!