



Pa Thao

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Ms. Thao is a dedicated nonprofit professional, community organizer, and advocate for Hmong womyn, girls, and QTI folx. Born in Ban Vinai, a refugee camp in northern Thailand, she came to Eau Claire as a child refugee in 1994. She was placed in the fourth grade at Randall Elementary and later graduated from North High School in 2003.

Ms. Thao earned her Bachelor of Social Work from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and in 2016, she completed her Master of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Ms. Thao is passionate about children, families, and the critical connection between school and home, having witnessed firsthand how these relationships shape students' success. At the heart of her organizing work is a commitment to uplifting communities and creating access for underrepresented and under-resourced Hmong farmers, womyn, girls, and QTI folx.

She is an active community leader and has served on numerous boards and committees. She is a former Treasurer, Board Member, and current parent group volunteer at the Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School. She is also the co-founder of the Hmong PTA, a Board Member of the Chippewa Valley Chapter of the ACLU, and a member of Clear Vision Eau Claire. Her advocacy extends across Wisconsin, where she serves on the Budget Committee of the Wisconsin Governor's Council on Domestic Violence and is an appointed member of the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Response Team.

Ms. Thao is a proud mother of five children. Outside of her advocacy work, she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and running their family farm.