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## Collaboration...Priority One at CDHD



The Center on Disabilities and Human Development strengthens efforts to accomplish their mission through dynamic partnerships with local, regional, and statewide entities. This strong network allows the Center to offer support, information, and assistance to professionals, individuals and families throughout the

state of Idaho. Examples of collaborations and partnerships include:

- The Idaho State Positive Behavioral Supports Technical Assistance Program, jointly funded and carried out through the State Department of Education and CDHD.
- IdahoSTARS early childhood professional development project is a partnership between the Idaho Association of Young Children, the CDHD, and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.
- Idaho Training Cooperative which provides certification for Intensive Behavioral Interventionists and Developmental Specialists is a collaboration between the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and a the CDHD.
- Idaho Family Support 360 Project is operated by the CDHD, with oversight from a statewide advisory council that includes members from Protection and Advocacy, the Developmental Disability Council, Idaho Parents Unlimited, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare community members, and parents.

Several of our systems enhancement projects also maintain advisory committees with representation from numerous advocacy agencies, parents and consumers. Additional information about the CDHD can be found at [www.idahocdh.org](http://www.idahocdh.org).

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## On the Road to Self Determination

*"Here comes the bus!"*

The Self Determination Awareness Bus Tour, sponsored by the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will be touring the state. "We believe the bus tour will increase awareness of Idaho's concept of self determination for people with developmental disabilities", states Ron Enright, Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Two buses filled with Council members, Council staff, Idaho Task Force on Self Determination members, and Idaho Partners in Policymaking

Program graduates will travel on two routes to several communities both in northern and southern Idaho. The northern route will begin June 17 in Bonner's Ferry and travel through Sandpoint, Post Falls, Coeur d' Alene, Kellogg, St. Maries, Moscow, Lewiston, Kamiah, Grangeville, McCall, Council, Cambridge, Weiser, Payette, Caldwell, and Nampa.

The southern route will begin June 18 in Preston and circle around through Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Salmon, Twin Falls, and Mountain Home, both buses will meet in Boise on Friday,

June 24 at 10:30 for a rally at the State Capital grounds. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about the rally in your community, contact Ron Enright, Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities 208-334-2256 or 800-544-2433.



*Partners in Policymaking is funded through the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities and operated by the Center on Disabilities and Human Development.*

## Partners in Leadership



Partners in Policymaking is a leadership development training designed for adults with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities. The Partners program is sponsored every other year by the CDHD in partnership with the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities. This year, there are 22 participants who represent a variety of economic

and residential demographics throughout each of the 7 regions of Idaho. The disabilities represented by the participants are also widely diverse. The first session of the class of 2005 was held on April 9, 2005. The keynote speaker, Kathie Snow, was as always, a HUGE success. Future curriculum topics include: Inclusive Education, How Does the Education System Work?, Independent

Living, Federal Legislation, Self-Determination, Positive Behavior Supports, State Legislative Process, Community Organizing, and Advocacy Organizations. Graduation for this group of Partners is scheduled for November 5, 2005. For more information contact CDHD at 208-364-9931.



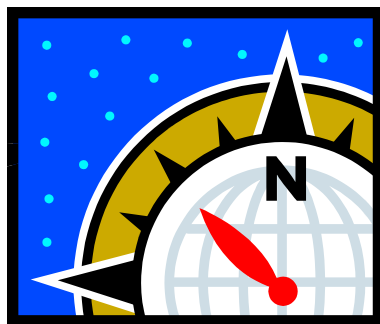
## Respite Care Update

IdahoSTARS now coordinates Respite Care Orientations for the State of Idaho. The Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Office in each region will provide orientations to those interested in becoming a Respite Provider.

The orientation will cover the how-to's of Respite Care, including paperwork and resources for further study. If you are interested in becoming a Respite Care Provider, please call the Idaho CareLine by dialing 2-1-1 or 800-926-2588 and ask

for the CCR&R in your region. For more information visit [www.idahostars.org](http://www.idahostars.org). IdahoStars is a project of CDHD and is funded through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

## Looking to the Future



The Center on Disabilities and Human Development (CDHD) is accepting nominations for one new consumer on its Advisory Committee. This Committee sets the direction for CDHD's future through its input on the 5-year

goals. The Committee meets three times per year in either Moscow, Boise, or via videoconference. Travel expenses are paid as well as a stipend for meeting attendance. If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Committee, please contact Jen at 208-885-3559 or 800-393-7290,

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## CDHD: Demonstrated Excellence

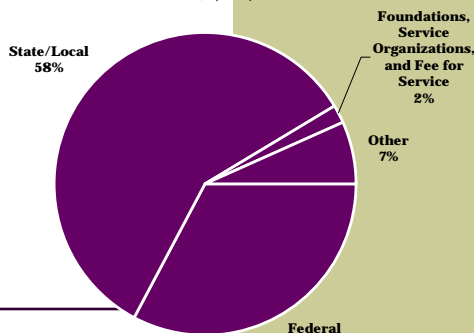
The University of Idaho's Center on Disabilities and Human Development has supported families, individuals, and professionals in the Pacific Northwest since 1988. The **CDHD** is one of **61 networked** University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). UCEDD's are **interdisciplinary outreach, training, technical assistance, research** and **dissemination** organiza-

tions designed to positively impact the lives of people with disabilities. The University of Idaho CDHD has demonstrated leadership and vision through the following activities:

**Impact: 58,633** people  
**Training: 14,628** people  
**Technical Assistance: 13,588** people  
**Research and evaluation: 9007** people  
**Information dissemination: 19,001** people

**Direct Service: 2,439** people  
**Representation and leadership on Boards and Councils: 30** state and national

Figure 1. FY 2004 Funding Total \$5,742,911



### Idaho Family Support 360 Implementation Project Focus on the Family



The Idaho Family Support 360 Implementation Project, funded through the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, opened their Family Resource Center pilot project in February.

The FRC is charged with providing a one stop location for families who have a family member with a developmental disability. The coordinator helps navigate through all resources for community, regional, or state supports that meet their needs.

In addition to the pilot resource center, the project has distributed a statewide newsletter, **Making Connections**, linking families to available resources.

The final component of the project will be the launching of a statewide website which will allow families to locate Idaho resources through a database designed specifically for families and individuals with a disability. The website is scheduled to be launched in June. For more information about the Idaho Family Support 360 Project contact Merri at 208-885-3559 or email the project at [merrip@uidaho.edu](mailto:merrip@uidaho.edu).



### U of I Child and Youth Study Center Makes a Move

The University of Idaho Child and Youth Study Center will be relocating within the Center on Disabilities and Human Development. They will open at the new site on July 1, 2005.

"Although we have always been a part of CDHD, we will now share the same space. The new location will allow our staff, interns, and clients to have easy access to the services and supports offered within CDHD." notes Dr. Rand Walker, Director of CYSC.

Donations have been accepted from local merchants to assist in remodeling the space to meet the needs of clients, students, and staff. The CYSU was established to provide services to children and families with special needs in the rural communities of the Inland Northwest. Their goal is to facilitate meaningful progress in each family's quest for a quality of life for their child while also striving to provide a high standard of training

for doctoral and post-graduate students. The collaborative effort between the CDHD, U of I, and Washington State University, has resulted in a mutually beneficial melding of training needs with the community needs. In addition, there is a regular infusion of graduates who have become highly skilled practitioners working with children who have a disabilities. For more information contact Marcella at the CYSC, 208-882-4853.





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**Mission**

The Center on Disabilities and Human Development promotes quality lives in integrated settings for people of all ages with disabilities, individuals at-risk, and their families through education, research, and service.

**Guiding Principles**

People with disabilities, their families and individuals at-risk have the right to:

- live, learn, work, and play in their own communities;
- services and supports that are centered on their strengths and capacities;
- make decisions, take risks, and define the quality of life they choose; and
- make a positive contribution to society.

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