

Center Mission and Values

The Idaho Child Welfare Research and Training Center supports positive outcomes for children and their families in the State of Idaho through comprehensive training and education, research, evaluation of services, and innovative program planning. To accomplish this mission, a partnership of universities and IDHW participate in a collaborative effort to meet training and research objectives.

Supporting Values:

- ◆ Honor the principles of the empowerment process through practice.
- ◆ Provide context relevant training.
- ◆ Foster dignity and respect among coworkers, partners, trainees, and the children and families they serve.
- ◆ Honor experience at every level.
- ◆ Provide a context where social work students are prepared to accept leadership positions, implement strengths-focused interventions, and collaborate with agencies and community partners in public child welfare practice.
- ◆ Encourage partnerships, collaboration, and integration of services to provide a best-practice service delivery system for children and families.

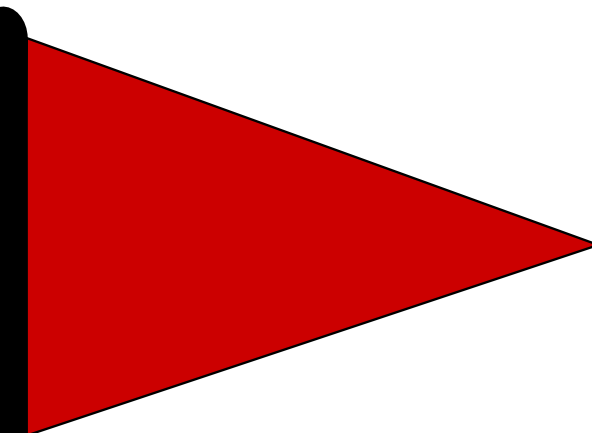
Center Website:
www.icwrtec.org

The site contains a Training Calendar with upcoming events and training opportunities sponsored by the Center, with the ability to register online. The site has remote access to the Center Library and online Blackboard Classes, links to partners, related programs, and organizations. The Student Page supports child welfare students, with links to Partner Universities, information about the Idaho Title IV-E Stipend program, application forms, resources, and links.

This web site will be used in the development of an online child welfare support community in the delivery of remote and rural access, providing training and educational resources for social work students and employees, foster and pre-adopt parents, and associates of partner affiliate organizations.



Idaho Child Welfare Research and Training Center:
A partnership between Idaho Department of Health and Welfare; Eastern Washington University School of Social Work; Boise State University School of Social Work Child Welfare Program; Idaho State University Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice; Lewis-Clark State College Social Work Program; Northwest Nazarene University Department of Social Work; College of Southern Idaho Department of Social Science; and North Idaho College Social Science Division.



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Idaho Title IV-E Stipend Program

The Child Welfare Scholars Program is designed to recruit and retain qualified staff in child welfare practice. The MSW stipend award is primarily intended to develop advanced skills among experienced IDHW employees. The BSW and MSW programs also attract and prepare social work students who desire career positions with IDHW with an emphasis in foster care and adoption.

Students complete a Child Welfare Scholars application and are selected by the participating Social Work partner school where they have been accepted. Students must express interest in child welfare and agree to work for CFS after graduation. Students may be current IDHW employees or potential agency employees.

Foster/Pre-Adopt Training

To provide state-wide foster parent training, IDHW and Partner Universities have entered into an arrangement, where Foster/Pre-Adoptive Trainers are on staff at each of the Universities.

A statewide standardized foster parent core instruction, using Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) PRIDE Curriculum, includes university staff, regional staff, and foster parents as trainers. A cohesive core curriculum creates an environment for positive change and outcomes for children who are placed in out of home care.

Substance Abuse /Child Protection Training and Services

Due to the high number of child protection cases associated with substance abuse, the Center has been charged with providing resources and in-service training to child welfare staff about addiction and to educate substance abuse agencies about the complexities of child welfare mandates.

The Center provides technical assistance in grant application and evaluation, training, project evaluation, and assistance in the implementation of a program which places SA counselors in CFS offices. These counselors provide system support and help to families who meet the SA criteria.

Center Library

The Center Library is dedicated to providing social work information and support resources to Idaho Social Work students for partner universities, foster families, and employees of the State of Idaho, with the primary emphasis on child welfare.

With over 700 titles, the Center Library is a valuable resource. You will find many materials addressing issues of foster care, adoption, field instruction, supervision, substance abuse, and other social work issues and related topics.

Come by for a visit or view the library collection on line at www.icwrtp.org, where you will find a link to the library catalog.

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