

The Parent Network

September 2016

Mission: Idaho Parents Unlimited supports, empowers, educates and advocates to enhance the quality of life for Idahoans with disabilities and their families.



Upcoming Events: Includes non-IPUL community events

Pocatello Support Group:

September 14th at 10:00 am
Double Shot Coffee and Doughnuts- 215 East Cedar Street

Mom's Like us Support Group- Coeur d' Alene:

Second Wednesday of each month from 7-8
Kootenai Medical Center- Heart Health Classroom
Contact Janell Woods at 208-818-3192 for details

Nurturing Skills for Families:

September 13-November 29, 2016
Tuesday Evenings from 5:30-7 PM PST
Community United Methodist Church
1470 W. Hanley Ave, Coeur d' Alene, ID
Advance signup required 208-676-1515 Or email:
melanie@stvincentdepaulcda.org Cost- \$100

Nurturing Fathers- Dad's Only- Parenting Class

September 7- December 7, 2016
Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM PST
180 Living Building- 1323 E. Sherman Ave, Coeur d' Alene, ID
Advance signup required 208-676-1515 Or email:
melanie@stvincentdepaulcda.org Cost- \$110

Visit our events calendar for more information:

<http://ipulidaho.org/events-calendar/month.calendar/2016/09/01/>



Southeast Idaho Buddy Walk

September 17, 2016 at 8:00 am
Visit <http://www.seidahobuddywalk.com/fr/SEIDAHO/2016BuddyWalk> for details

Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk:

September 24, 2016 at 9:30 AM
Visit dsconnections.org for details

Idaho Partnerships Conference:

October 5-6, 2016
Boise State University- Boise
Register by Clicking [here](#)

Idaho CEC Conference:

October 6-7, 2016
Red Lion Downtowner- Boise
Register by Clicking [here](#)

Courageous Kids Climbing:

September 10th from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Boise-Downtown YMCA
Contact Jeff at: JeffRiechmann@cs.com for more information.

Idaho Parents Unlimited Monthly Regional Workshop:

Success with the IEP
September 14, 2016 6-9 PM
Regional workshops are held in Boise, Pocatello and Coeur d' Alene

Idaho Parents Unlimited Monthly Webinar Series:

Success with the IEP
September 27, 2016- Please note all webinars are presented in Mountain Standard Time (MST).
11:00 am and 9:00 PM



Parent Training and Information Center - IDEA Part D

U.S. Department of Education Releases Guidance to Schools on Ensuring Equity and Providing Behavioral Supports to Students with Disabilities

Behavior is a challenge that many of our families face. Often, these challenges present themselves in the school setting. Understandably so, many parent's are concerned as to how their child's school addresses negative behavior. Since parent's contact our office about how to have this discussion with their child's school and/or IEP team, we are sharing some incredibly valuable information from the U.S. Department of Education.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) recently released a Dear Colleague Letter providing guidance to school's that emphasizes the requirement of utilizing positive behavior support's to student's with disabilities when needed. Take a look at the article shared by the U.S Department of Education:

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) issued guidance in the form of a Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) that emphasizes the requirement that schools provide positive behavioral supports to student's with disabilities who need them. It also clarifies that the repeat of disciplinary actions may suggest that children with disabilities may not be receiving appropriate behavioral interventions and supports. When schools fail to consider and provide for needed behavioral supports the the Individualized Education Program (IEP, it is likely to result in children not receiving the free and appropriate public education to which they are entitled to under federal law.

"All students, including those with disabilities, should have the supports and equitable educational opportunities they need to be successful in school," said U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. "It's our duty as parents and educators to ensure that children who show up at school to learn get the maximum out of their educational experience. This guidance will help schools create a safe, supportive learning environment for those students who need additional behavioral supports and services to help them thrive."

Current law allows educators to remove children with disabilities from their classroom if the child violates a code of conduct. Data indicates students with disabilities are disciplined at far higher rates than their non-disabled peers. The DCL includes two resource documents to assist teachers and school leaders. The Department is providing supports to assist teachers with classroom management strategies and assist schools in implementing school wide behavioral efforts to create safe and effective environments where all students are given and opportunity to positively engage in their education.

To better address school discipline and to shine a spotlight on inequities, the Department has updated its school discipline webpage, #Rethink Discipline. This online tool contains data, graphics, and other information on the prevalence, impact, and legal implications of suspensions and expulsions; resources on effective alternatives; and ways to effectively create positive school climates. The webpage also highlights the disproportionate rate at which black students, particularly black males, receive out-of-school suspensions, and data on suspended preschoolers, by race and gender.

The Dear Colleague Letter, as well as additional resources, can be found on the Rethink Discipline website.

Contact our office to schedule a training about utilizing positive behavior interventions and supports in the home, school and community.

)Additional resources can be found at: <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/school-discipline/index.htm>

Family to Family Health Information Center - Idaho Family Voices

Idaho Healthcare Open Enrollment Dates for 2016/2017



In an effort to keep families informed about insurance details specific to Idaho's Healthcare Marketplace, we attached some information about the Open Enrollment Period for 2017 coverage. See below:

[Yourhealthidaho.org](http://yourhealthidaho.org) Healthcare Marketplace Open Enrollment Period 2017 starts November 1, 2016 and ends January 31, 2017. You can get healthcare insurance through the yourhealthidaho.org Marketplace during the OEP 2017.

For details and coverage options for 2017, visit: <http://healthcareinsurance.company/yourhealthidaho.org/> (Source)

Youth Corner

[Idaho Career Mentoring Day 2016 Grants Now Available](#)



The Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities, in collaboration with the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, announces the availability of funds to help local groups develop and sponsor activities associated with National Disability Employment Awareness Month and National Disability Mentoring Day.

A limited number of grants will be awarded to local Career Mentoring Day planning teams through an application process. Please click the following links for application guidelines and more information. The deadline for submitting applications is September 8, 2016.

<http://ipulidaho.org/resourceattachments/2016APPLICATIONforCMDFunding.doc>

<http://ipulidaho.org/resourceattachments/IdahoCareerMentoringDayGrantsAnnouncement.pdf>

Take a look at our upcoming monthly workshops, and mark your calendar!

SAVE THE DATE

IPUL PARENT EDUCATION CALENDAR

August 2016	Success with the IEP
September 2016	Success with the IEP
October 2016	Bullying Prevention for Parents & Youth
November 2016	Parent and Professional Collaboration
Decemeber 2016	Stop Spinning Your Wheels-Advocacy and Coordination Skills for Your Child's Special Health Care Needs
January 2017	Skills for Effective Advocacy for Parents and Youth & Power of a Personal Story
February 2017	Planning for a Healthy Transition
March 2017	Getting and Keeping the First Job
April 2017	Success with the IEP
May 2017	Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
June 2017	Families are Important (Early Childhood)
July 2017	Support and Resources/ Parent Meet Up

Boise: Idaho Parents Unlimited
4619 W. Emerald Ste. E
Pocatello: Journey's DDA
1177 Call Place Ste. C
Coeur d' Alene: Kootenai Health Center
2003 Kootenai Health Way (Inside the MRI Conference Room)



***Educational workshops are held from 6-9 PM in all locations on the second Wednesday of the month. Please RSVP by calling 208-342-5884, email parents@ipulidaho.org, or visit www.ipulidaho.org.



Success with the IEP

Start the school year prepared.
Get all of your questions answered before the meeting.
Be an active part of your child's team.
Learn more about strength-based IEP's.
Focus on your child's strengths and needs-not weaknesses.

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(Inside the Cafeteria- Classroom 2)



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or www.ipulidaho.org

[Idaho Parents Unlimited App - For Android Phones](#)

Keep up-to-date on all IPUL events and Community news/events through facebook posts right from your phone with IPUL's new app for Android phones. Don't worry iPhone users - we're working on one for you. We hope to have it ready soon:

[Click here](#) from your Android phone, or scan this QR code:



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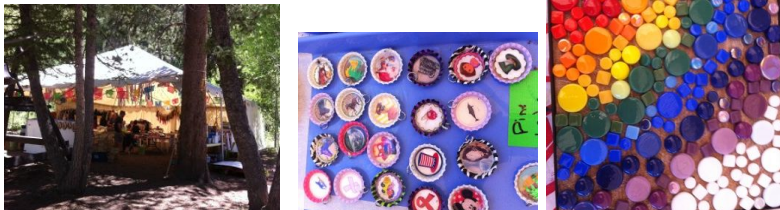
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VSA Idaho - The State Organization on Art and Disability

Laughter-Friendship-Creativity



This summer a wonderful collaboration took place in the mountains of beautiful Sun Valley, Idaho. Teen campers at Camp Rainbow Gold, an oncology camp for kids with cancer, received an amazing week of arts programming with teaching artist Christine Thomas. Campers participated in such arts experiences as painting, mosaics, jewelry and mixed media projects. The fantastical art shack was filled with laughter, friendship and creativity. Idaho Parents Unlimited/ VSA Idaho's Creative Access arts programming provided a grant to support the arts programming at CRG and the amazing camp experience they offer youth. CRG also provides camps, family camps, sibling camp, support groups and college scholarships. To learn more visit <http://camprainbowgold.org>.

If you would like to know more about our arts education programming, please contact Heather@ipulidaho.org.

For more about VSA International please visit: [VSA, The International Organization on Arts and Disability](http://www.vsa-usa.org).

The Kennedy Center

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This program is provided under a contract with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
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