

Idaho Homeless Coordinating Committee

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IHCC MISSION:

To provide leadership in addressing the challenges of homelessness in Idaho through community engagement and collaboration. We encourage communities to creatively leverage resources and develop partnerships, services, and solutions towards ending homelessness.



EXCITING NEWS FOR

ADVOCATES AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE

(Region 3)

Kim Deugan, Executive Director, is happy to share the news that AAFV has been awarded funding for their latest project on their Caldwell campus, Hope Plaza, Phase II, Family Community. This 30-unit project will be comprised of 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units. The community space will include the leasing office, community room, meeting room, and common laundry. Four individual units will be fully handicap adapted, and one unit will be adapted for sensory handicap. Twenty-seven of the units will be available for lease to income-eligible households. The property will also include three market units. AAFV will be working again with New Beginnings Housing, whom they partnered with in developing the first phase, completed in 2011. For more details on this important project, check out their website at www.aafvhope.org.

AVENUES FOR HOPE 2018

The eighth annual Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge campaign kicked off on December 12th and ran through December 31st. What a success - with 2,653 donors raising more than \$875,000 for 51 organizations! Congratulations to all that benefited from this annual

fundraiser. And heartfelt thanks to the many donors who contributed. Remember, it's never too early to start planning for our 2019 campaign! If you know a non-profit looking to participate, a supporter who would like to help fundraise on behalf of your organization, a business or corporate representative who would like to be an Avenues for Hope sponsor, or individuals looking to donate or volunteer, there's a place for them! For more information on how to become involved, email us at afh@ihfa.org, or visit our website at www.avenuesforhope.org.

Together we can strengthen housing-related nonprofits throughout Idaho to help prevent homelessness and improve affordable housing options



Counties represented in each region:

- Region 1: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Shoshone
- Region 2: Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce
- Region 3: Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, Washington
- Region 4: Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls
- Region 5: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, Power
- Region 6: Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Teton
- Region 7: Ada

Do you have some news to share?

Any upcoming events?

Let us know, and we will feature them in this quarterly newsletter.



NORTH IDAHO AIDS COALITION (Region 1)

Mobile HIV Testing Program

On average, the NIAC performs 132 free HIV tests on-site per year. The new mobile HIV testing program aims to expand the scope of free HIV testing, counseling, and education services into rural counties in North Idaho. The outreach vehicle will initiate mobile HIV testing in Health District 1: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Shoshone; and Health

District 2: Clearwater, Latah, Idaho, Lewis, and Nez Perce. The mobile HIV testing program will reach those segments of populations who are at risk, hard to reach, or people who are unable to visit health clinics due to transportation or economic barriers and will slowly close the gap to cost-effective HIV care. NIAC is interested in working with community partners in North Idaho to collaborate on reaching these high-risk populations. With the support of community partners, the mobile HIV testing program will enhance HIV prevention efforts, HIV care and service delivery to rural communities in North Idaho. Goals and services include providing multiple populations with health education materials (i.e. HIV, STI, and pre-exposure prophylaxis - PrEP); improved access to HIV prevention, care and linkage to treatment to reduce HIV transmission; condom distribution; and providing linkage to care: case management care, supportive services, and treatment.

For more detailed information: <http://northidahoaidcoalition.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS



Family Services Alliance (Region 5)

Join the Family Services Alliance in April of 2019 for the Obie Award-winning *The Vagina Monologues*. Proceeds will go towards counseling and services for survivors of domestic violence.

For more information: www.fsalliance.org



3rd Annual National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness

June 17 – 19, 2019 – New York University. Topics include: Shared Housing, Host Homes for Minors, Best Practices for Rapid Re-housing, Housing as Health Care, Trans Organizing and Leadership, Immigration, Data Research & Prevalence,

Rural Homelessness, Adulthood, HUD CoC Funding Strategies, Pregnant & Parenting Youth, Youth Homeless Demo Site Lessons, Family & Kinship Strengthening Programs for youth, + more!

For more information: www.pointsourceyouth.org



Family Promise of North Idaho (Region 1)

Join the Family Promise of North Idaho on February 9, 2019 for their annual *Northwest Fest and Salmon Feast*. The dinner and auction benefits their mission to shelter, feed, and provide solutions to families dealing with the crisis of homelessness. The fun and festive event features a salmon buffet provided by Greenbriar Catering, plus live music by Desert Rose.

For more information: <http://www.familypromiseni.org/>



SAVE THE DATE

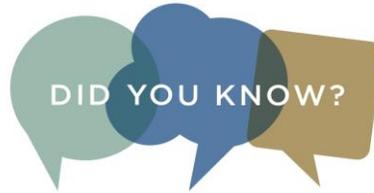
IHCC meetings for 2019

January 31st – via conference call

April 25th & 26th – on-site Boise

July 25th – via conference call

October 24th & 25th – on-site Boise



The Idaho Dept. of Labor Veterans program was recently awarded a grant that is focused on assisting homeless or at risk of being homeless veterans that have been recently released (within the past 12 months) from incarceration (Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program). Potential services include: rent; classroom training; on-the-job training; occupational skills training; apprenticeship training; upgrade and retraining; funding for work clothing and boots; transportation; childcare; vehicle repairs.

St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho has announced the date for their **2019 Veterans Stand Down**. May 11th at North Idaho College. For more information on this event and others, check out their website. <http://stvincentdepaulcda.org/events/>

The Boise City/Ada County CoC is currently leasing up New Path Community Housing and 40 people experiencing chronic homelessness were in permanent homes by the end of December. Their next PSH project for veterans with VASH voucher: 27 PSH units at Valor Pointe. Construction should begin in early 2019 with completion slated for early 2020.

SEICAA's Youth Mentoring Program provides children K-12 with the opportunity to spend time with a positive adult role model. Since its conception in 2004, over 130 mentors have given over 27,500 hours of their time making a difference in 120 children's lives.

Family Promise of The Palouse will be holding a Comfort Food Cook Off in March. Come and get it! <https://www.familypromisepalouse.org/events>

Have you ever checked out **Union Gospel Mission's Impact Blog**? <https://blog.uniongospelmission.org/the-impact>

"Wherever there is a human being there is an opportunity for kindness" – Seneca
