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HIC's Executive Board Guiding Idaho Committee



**Board Member
Jamie Simpson
HIC Chair**



Homeless Programs Manager, Idaho Housing and Finance Association

Jamie's position at IHFA entails the oversight of federal grants including the Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions grants, Coordinated Entry, HMIS and support of the House Idaho Collaborative. Jamie grew up on the Palouse, then moved to the Treasure Valley where she has worked as a residential care administrator, qualified intellectual disabilities professional, supervisor of assisted living facilities licensing, and mental health agency credentialing. She obtained her BS in Social Sciences from Boise State University and Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from Northwest Nazarene University. Jamie looks forward to assisting the HIC to enhance innovation and expand partnerships to ensure homelessness in Idaho is rare, brief and non-recurring.

**Board Member
Betsy Bowling
Vice Chair and Region 3 Representative**



Region 3 Programs Director, CATCH

Betsy Bowling has been appointed by the Region 3 Coalition to replace Jeremy Blades as the Region 3 IHCC Board Representative. Betsy graduated from Northwest Nazarene University in 2013 and worked for several organizations who assisted people experiencing homelessness. In 2019, she began the Masters of Social Work Program at Boise State University. At the same time, she was offered an internship at the Nampa Family Justice Center and was hired shortly after. Betsy graduated in December of 2020 and was licensed later that month as an LMSW. She currently works as CATCH's Region 3 Programs Director, overseeing the Access Point, Coordinated Entry, and managing two case managers in the Taking Root, Rapid Re-housing project. Betsy has a passion for housing the homeless. Her heart has always been drawn to those on the margin of society and to reach those who others ignore. With a learner's spirit, Betsy hopes to continue to grow in understanding people's needs so that she can better educate the community on how to meet the needs.

Board Member
Heidi Sellick-Diaz
Guiding Idaho Secretary



Housing Network Lead, Idaho Housing and Finance Association

Heidi Sellick-Diaz is the Housing Network Lead in the Homelessness Programs Department at Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA). Prior to her current role, Heidi worked in many different roles as youth pastor, teacher, bookstore supervisor, and administrative assistant. In 2020, she received her Master of Divinity from Western Seminary in Portland, OR. Her undergraduate degree was in English and Writing. Heidi has always had a heart for the outcasts and homeless. She had served at various homeless ministries in Portland before moving to Boise in 2021. As the Housing Network Lead for IHFA, Heidi helps coordinate the House Idaho Collaborative's Regional Coalitions, Committees, and partners to achieve functional zero homelessness in Idaho. Heidi has loved helping strategize and build the HIC over the past two years. Creating and facilitating the Lived Experience Panels, HIC newsletters, and the HIC committees has been a joy and privilege. Her heart is to see Idaho businesses, governments, faith-based communities, and all work together to achieve a home for everyone.

In her free time, Heidi writes poems, a fantasy novel, and devotional articles. She enjoys exploring nature and traveling with her new husband.

Board Member
Chris Green, LCSW, CCTP
Region 1 Representative



**Heritage Health Psychiatric Services Director and Street Medicine
Community Outreach Director**

Chris Green has been supporting the mental health needs of homeless neighbors in our community for the past 15 years. As a former small business owner, he moved “back home” to Coeur d’Alene in 2009 where he began his social services career at St. Vincent de Paul as a case manager, then Emergency Shelters program and community kitchen director. In his last two years at SVDP, he developed and ran a homeless veteran’s program called GPD in collaboration with the Healthcare for Homeless Veterans program (a department of the Veterans Administration). After earning his associate’s degree from North Idaho College and earning his bachelor’s degree from Lewis Clark State College (graduating Summa Cum Lauda), he worked at North Idaho College for five years as a TRIO professional and helped to implement the largest grant in NIC history; the Health Professions Center of Excellence healthcare grant that developed and improved healthcare education programs across the state. After earning his graduate degree from Boise State University Chris came to work at Heritage Health in 2019. Chris worked as a Mental Health Clinician on the ACT Team working with severe and persistent mental illness populations in our community. Next, he brought behavioral health services to the Street Medicine Community Outreach program as director serving our community’s neighbors living with homelessness. Now Chris is leading the Heritage Health Psychiatric Services program as director, while still leading development of the SMO program. Chris went into social work to help our community bring healing to our neighbors struggling with homelessness and mental illness.

Chris is a certified clinical trauma professional that specializes in serving SPMI populations and helping vulnerable individuals with trauma heal and thrive so they can live their best lives. A fifth generation Coeur d’Alene’ite, Chris loves his profession, his community, and his family. He enjoys the outdoors, fishing, skeet shooting, and spending time with his family most of all. A fun fact about Chris is he spent 33-years raising four kids in Alaska in the wild before coming back home to Coeur d’Alene.

**Board Member
Autumn Shafer
Region 2 Representative**



Executive Director, Family Promise of the Palouse

After serving on the Board of Directors for seven years, Autumn began serving as ED for Family Promise of the Palouse in November of 2021. She has a degree in business with an emphasis on business organization and accounting. Autumn has lived in the Palouse for over twenty years and has experience in property management, accounting, and non-profit administration. She lives in Pullman, WA with her husband Jeremy, daughter Kalista, and son Lincoln.

Board Member
John Stennett
Region 3 Representative (Alternate)



**MSW Program Director/Associate Professor, Northwest Nazarene
University**

John earned his MSW at Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) in 2003 and has been an LMSW since 2004. He started his social services career investigating child abuse for the State of Texas for two years. Subsequently, he worked in social service administration with The Salvation Army for 23 years (plus two years of training) in various locations and at various levels of responsibility. In these positions, he had the opportunity to run food pantries, emergency shelters, transitional shelters, Housing First programs, licensed childcare facilities, youth camps, a large athletic/family wellness center, and emergency disaster services. His final position as the Territorial Social Services Secretary included responsibility for all social service programs of The Salvation Army in the 13 Western States. This included program creation, implementation, review, and revision. He also briefly worked for the International Rescue Committee, supervising refugee resettlement in Boise. Finally, he began teaching for the MSW program at NNU in 2019. He enjoys teaching and hopes to continue doing so for many more years.

John was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala. His parents were Missionaries. He also lived in San Salvador, El Salvador, and did not move to the United States until he was almost 19 years old. Most of his years living in El Salvador were during the civil war. When he arrived in the USA, he promptly joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the infantry. This enabled him to use the GI Bill to attend Grand Canyon University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree (double-major - Psychology and Religion).

John is very fortunate to have been married to his wonderful wife for 35 years. They have two adult daughters, one fantastic son-in-law, and four amazing grandchildren. One daughter lives in Tokyo and the other in New York City, which means that he travels often.

**Board Member
Rosanna Campbell
Region 4 Representative**



Community Services Director, SCCAP

Rosanna Campbell is the new Community Services Director for South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) in Twin Falls. Prior to her current role, Rosanna worked in many different positions as a Site Supervisor for the College of Southern Idaho Head Start Program for 13 years, Early Head Start Program Specialist for 2 years, University of Idaho Quality Child Care Consultant for 2 years. She served at the Chair of the Infant Toddler Program Advisory group in Region 5 for 8 years and as a Board Member for South Central Community Action Partnership for 11 years. Her passion for working with children, families and caregivers has driven her to seek out community partners and opportunities to strengthen families throughout the state of Idaho.

Rosanna is currently serving as Region 4 Homeless Coalition Chair and is a Guiding Idaho Committee member. Her position as Region 4 Homeless Coalition Chair offers the opportunity for her to continue the work of helping others. She is looking forward to maximizing the capacity of her Board members and participants by engaging in meaningful activities and efforts.

She believes that there is a variety of solutions to end unsheltered homelessness, that community leaders and businesses do care about what is happening in their towns. By partnering with other service organizations, government entities, local businesses, faith-based organizations, and individual community members, we can be effective and will make an impact.

Outside of work, Rosanna enjoys spending time with her kids and grandkids, hanging out with her mom and husband and relaxing. She likes outdoors, kayaking and movie popcorn.

**Board Member
Jared Mangum
Region 5 Representative**



Executive Director, Housing Alliance & Community Partnerships

Jared leverages his extensive education, business acumen and life experience to serve the community of Pocatello as the Executive Director of the Housing Alliance & Community Partnerships (HACP) since April 2024.

He pursued a broad and varied education, including a professional certification, three undergraduate degrees and a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the University of Western States in 2011. After several auto accidents removed chiropractic work as a long-term employment option, he earned an MBA in Healthcare Administration from Western Governor's University in 2018. This allowed him to shift his focus from helping heal individuals to healing organizations.

Along with his education, he has accumulated a wealth of business proficiency and leadership skills from operating his own chiropractic practices, starting a medical products company, and most recently, revitalizing struggling assisted living communities. Through his experiences, he has developed a reputation as a fixer through restructuring, refreshing marketing, and standardizing operations of several businesses in the senior care industry.

When Jared left senior care and transitioned to HACP, true to form, he transformed the agency, built networks to better serve the community, and realigned all departments in the agency to drive high performance. Not only is he working to make HACP run smoothly, but he is also passionate about enhancing the purpose of the agency and combating homelessness.

Beyond his employment at HACP, Jared worked with a partner to start CareNet in 2022. CareNet is a community group in both Pocatello and Idaho Falls where they hold monthly meetings that focus on raising awareness of the services companies in each community provide – encouraging networking and collaboration to improve the communities they serve.

In his personal life, Jared loves spending time with his five amazing children, working on construction and landscaping projects at home, and visiting his relatives in his hometown of St. George, Utah. He also enjoys speaking German, which he learned serving an LDS mission in Hamburg, Germany, when he comes across others who are fluent.

**Board Member
Dena Skinner
Region 6 Representative**



Executive Director at CLUB, Inc.

Dena began her work with CLUB, Inc. in 2005 as a Partial Care Technician. She has held several different positions within the company and ultimately took on the role of the Housing Program Manager, she provided needed assistance for individuals seeking social services, medical services, and other sponsored programs. In 2020, Dena was promoted to Interim Director and began her role managing the many complicated facets of supportive and transitional housing. In 2021, the CLUB, Inc. board hired Dena as the full-time Executive Director.

Dena enjoys spending time with her two daughters and one granddaughter camping and fishing. Dena also likes to play softball and donates several hours a week to other non-profit committees and organizations.

**Board Member
Casey Mattoon
Boise CoC Representative**



Our Path Home, Manager

Casey Mattoon is the new Our Path Home Manager at the City of Boise. They bring with them 10 years of experience in stakeholder engagement, project management and program advising. Born and raised in Eagle, a graduate of Bishop Kelly High School and the College of Idaho, Casey has deep roots of connection to Idaho. After obtaining a dual degree in Political Economy and Environmental Studies, Casey served with Peace Corps Nicaragua for three years working on various multi-agency community projects focused on sustainable and economic development. Feeling called to work on the climate crisis, Casey joined the Idaho Chapter Sierra Club as the Conservation Program Coordinator to lead public advocacy campaigns for clean energy and transportation, in addition to building organizational capacity through a lens of non-profit management. Shifting to work for the national Sierra Club, Casey was hired as the Chapter Support Representative for the Western Region, where they led a department restructure and change management process to more meaningfully support Sierra Club's 64 chapters and 351 groups with a governance framework that centralized processes for cross-organizational planning, funding, and evaluating progress in capacity and program development. Casey loves to connect with people on things they are passionate about and has oriented their professional work towards mission driven impact. They are excited to join us in our efforts to end homelessness and address the housing crisis through a comprehensive, collaborative partnership.

**Board Member
John Anthony (Tony) Tenne
Idaho Department of Commerce**



**Senior Community Development Specialist, Idaho Department of
Commerce**

Tony is a graduate of Boise State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. Tony began with the Department of Commerce as an intern with the Economic Development/Information Services Division for two semesters in 1995 and 1996. After completing college, Tony served in the United States Peace Corps in Honduras from 1998-2000 where he worked on water and sanitation infrastructure projects in the mountainous western region of the country. Upon return, he made Seattle his primary residence until resettling permanently in Boise in 2002.

He began full-time with The Department of Commerce in 2004. Since then, he has held the positions of Economic Development Analyst, Regional Labor Economist, and currently works as a Senior Community Development Specialist on the Idaho Commerce Community Development Team.

When not working, he enjoys skiing, camping, and enjoying everything else Idaho has to offer.

**Board Member
Daina Drake
Department of Corrections Representative**



Daina Drake, Reentry Manager, Idaho Department of Correction

Daina is a born and raised Idahoan, a rare breed these days. She received her Bachelors of Science in both Psychology and Criminal Justice from Boise State University. She started in the field of Corrections as an intern in the education department in the institutions. She worked her way into Case Manager, Program Manager, and into her current role of Reentry Manager. She has worked 18 years with the Idaho Department of Correction and still finds passion and appreciation in work. She is excited to learn more from the House Idaho Collaborative to help bridge this gap for Department of Correction clients and residents she serves.

**Board Member
Emily Kesler
Idaho Department of Education Representative**



Coordinator | Title IX-A: Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program; Title I-D: Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk Youth Program

Idaho State Department of Education

Emily Sommer is the coordinator for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth at the Idaho State Dept. of Education. She oversees the implementation of the McKinney-Vento program for Idaho school districts and charters. As a board member, she hopes to bring an educational perspective to the table when discussing homeless and housing challenged school-aged Idahoans.

**Board Member
Miren Unsworth, LMSW
Department of Health and Welfare Representative**



Deputy Director, Office of the Director, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Miren Unsworth has spent 24 years working in service to children, families, and vulnerable adults, including 21 years at DHW, serving as deputy director and division administrator, among other positions. Unsworth received her bachelor's degree in social work from Idaho State University and her Master's Degree in Social Work from Portland State University. She also holds an executive certificate in multi-system integration from the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University. Unsworth is a native Idahoan. She enjoys travel and spending time outdoors, and especially enjoys spending time with her husband, Jeremy, and her 17-year-old son, Owen.

**Board Member
Rico Barrera
Idaho Department of Labor**



Grants/Contract Officer, Idaho Department of Labor.

In 2003, Rico Barrera was invited by Governor Dirk Kempthorne to participate in the State's first Policy Academy on Chronic Homelessness. Soon after, the Idaho Department of Labor designated him as the agency's representative to what has evolved to become the House Idaho Collaborative (HIC).

Rico is a grants/contract officer for the Idaho Department of Labor, where he's worked for almost 28 years. Along with others, he works to establish and implement statewide policies and activities for Idaho's various Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs, providing staff training and technical assistance as necessary. Overseeing state WIOA program funding, which ranges from \$6 million to over \$12 million depending on the state's annual allocation, Rico and other Workforce Administration Bureau staff ensure program contracts' compliance with state and federal requirements, their cost-effectiveness and performance levels through extensive monitoring and evaluation. He also coordinates, writes, and submits grant applications to meet the needs of dislocated workers from significant layoffs or plant closures across the state.

An essential task he's been responsible for since undertaking the task in 2003 is the development and eventual submission of the state's WIOA Combined Plan, which requires extensive coordination among internal and external partners to outline the state's efforts to address a multitude of issues affecting Idaho's population in need of workforce services, including homelessness.

Coming from a migrant/seasonal farmworker background, Rico was born in Idaho but traveled between his homes in south Texas and the Gem State during his early years. He eventually settled in Idaho and has lived here for over 45 years.

Board Member
Anna Johnson-Whitehead
Department of Veterans Affairs Representative



HCHV Program Manager, Boise VAMC

Anna graduated from Boise State University in 2005 with a Master's in Social Work. She currently works for the Department of Veteran Affairs Boise Medical Center in the Healthcare for Homeless Veterans program. The HCHV program is a comprehensive group of programs focused on meeting the needs of Veterans experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of immediate homelessness. The central goal is to reduce homelessness among Veterans by conducting outreach to those who are the most vulnerable & not currently receiving services & engaging them in treatment & rehabilitative programs.

**Board Member
Mandy White
Lived Experience Representative**



Resident Services Coordinator, The Housing Company

Mandy was raised by a young, single mother with her two siblings. During her youth, there were many times when housing was unstable, nonexistent, and unsafe. Mandy resolved that would not be the case for her kids. In 2010, she and her son moved from Utah to Idaho to start new.

The first two weeks were spent living in her car while she looked for work and a home. Mandy found a person willing to rent to her temporarily. She lived there for 6 months, until she was able to secure a better home. Mandy remarried in 2011. In 2016, the owners of the house they were renting raised the rent by 50% which caused the rent to become unfeasible. Her family became homeless against their best efforts. For the first month she and her husband lived in hotels or in their car while their kids stayed with family members. When those options were no longer available, a tough choice was made. Mandy's family was torn between multiple states. Her two step-kids went to live permanently with their mom, Mandy and her son moved to Utah with her mom, and her husband had to stay in Boise because of his military commitments. This left a lasting traumatic hole in their lives. When Mandy and her son moved back to Idaho in 2019, they moved into a hotel with her husband for three months while trying to reestablish themselves.

Mandy has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She is working toward her Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. She is the Resident Services Coordinator for The Housing Company. Mandy has been attending the Lived Experience Panel (LEP) in hopes that she can offer insight into what homelessness has been like for her and her family, both during and after homelessness. Mandy believes housing is a human right, and all voices need to speak up for this right. She is incredibly honored to have been voted in as a member of the HIC Board, and looks forward to assisting in any way possible.

**Board Member
Patty Wheeler
Domestic Violence Org. Representative**



Safe Passage, Director of Resiliency Services

Patty Wheeler has worked as an advocate for the violence against women movement for over 30 years. First she worked as a counselor and then as a court advocate. She has spent 13 years directing domestic violence programs at the YWCA in Spokane, and now working with Safe Passage as the Director of Resiliency Services. During her four years here at Safe Passage she has overseen, shelter, housing programs, and counseling services. Resiliency Services provides opportunities for survivors to re-build their lives, and includes, life skills, career building, and financial empowerment. She has sat on many boards to include the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Spokane's Continuum of Care Committee. She has been a member of Region One's Homeless Coalition since March of 2017.

Board Member
Zena Ebed
HIV/AIDS Organization Representative



Supervisor and Medical Case Manager, Full Circle Health

Zena Ebed, a Boise native, is deeply committed to pursuing meaningful change in affordable housing. Zena has worked as a social worker for many years, and has specialized in serving underserved communities, youth, and individuals impacted by racial injustice. With a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree, Zena currently serves as a Supervisor and Medical Case Manager in the Ryan White Medical Case Manager team at Full Circle Health, working closely with individuals living with HIV in Boise, Idaho. Her work with this key population has fueled her passion for addressing the intersection of housing, human dignity, human rights, and quality of life. Zena is actively exploring ways to make a broader impact in this field and advocate for innovative housing solutions for all underserved communities.

In addition to her work with individuals living with HIV, Zena's dedication extends to other populations; recognizing that stable, affordable housing is a cornerstone of well-being. She is committed to discovering creative solutions and working collaboratively to address the housing challenges facing Idaho. Zena's belief that everyone deserves a safe and stable home drives her advocacy and leadership. She is eager to bring her social work experience, passion for human rights, and dedication to equity to help create lasting change in Idaho's affordable housing landscape.

**Board Member
Erin Anderson
Housing Developer Representative**



Director, The Housing Company

Erin has more than sixteen years of experience in affordable housing development, working on new construction and historic adaptive reuse projects throughout the Midwest. Erin's passion for tackling affordable housing issues and improving quality of life through housing has led to the development of many affordable homes, the majority of which she spearheaded by working with communities that were overlooked by other developers. Erin, her husband, and two children moved to the Treasure Valley in 2020 from St. Paul, Minnesota.

HIC's Housing Idaho Committee

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Housing Idaho Committee
Margie Potter
Chair & Region 3 Representative



**Fundraiser | Community Connector | Housing Advocate | Event
Coordinator**

Margie Potter is a 33-year Idaho resident and Community Connector. She is an advocate for affordable housing initiatives that benefit all Idaho residents. She has extensive involvement within her community with non-profit and civic engagement through fundraising, event planning and advocating for Idaho families since 2001. Her vision includes encouraging public-private partnerships to facilitate sustainable, community-driven developments. Margie helps non-profits, health, and social service providers, IHFA and housing developers to communicate with each other to advance affordable and attainable housing for all.

**Housing Idaho Committee
Bud Compher, Jr.
Co-Chair & Region 3 Representative**



CEO, NeighborWorks® Boise, Boise, Idaho

Bud Compher, Jr., is the CEO, NeighborWorks® Boise is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community development organization that has, for 41 years, helped to revitalize neighborhoods and improve lives throughout the region by addressing the housing needs in our community. He brings 30 years of construction experience, including 25 years of direct Project Management and 22 years in the nonprofit sector, to the NWB Real Estate department to strategize development feasibility and create corporate and government partnerships that help provide funding for each project. He works with the Board of Directors to implement NWB's strategic direction and engages with the organization's committees to bring consistency to all conversations – which stitches the programs together into a successful continuum of programs and services that educate, empower, and offer the necessary resources so low- to moderate-income Idahoans can obtain, retain, and maintain their home.

Bud has been affiliated with or volunteered for:

- City of Garden City Comprehensive Plan .
- Healthy Impact Nampa Coalition
- Housing Idaho Committee
- Region 3 Coalition

Bud and his wife Carolyn have six kids, three of which are attending college. Bud enjoys spending time with his family and building projects around the house. Bud is also active at his church, volunteering when he can alongside his wife.

**Housing Idaho Committee
Shane Carlton
Secretary & IHFA Rep**



**Special Needs Grant Coordinator, Idaho Housing and Finance
Association**

Shane Carlton is one of the Special Needs Grant Coordinators with the Homelessness Programs Department at IHFA. He has been with IHFA for 3.5 years. Previously, Shane worked with the State of Idaho for 14.5 years in licensing within Medicaid and at the Council on Developmental Disabilities in a supporting role. Prior to working for the State, he worked for Micron for almost 10 years supervising the production mechanics shop.

In his free time, he likes biking, walking, and spending time with his grandkids.

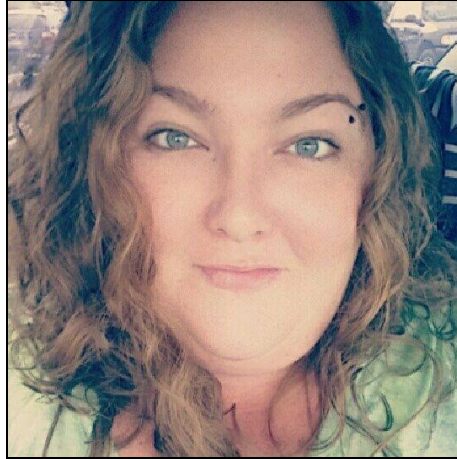
**Housing Idaho Committee
Annie Parker
Region 1 Representative**



Social Services Manager, St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho

Annie Parker currently serves as the Region 1 Homeless Coalition Board Secretary. Annie is the Social Services Manager at St Vincent de Paul of North Idaho. She is proudly a lifelong Idahoan who moved to Coeur d'Alene from Boise in 2014. Annie's life experience with homelessness, the military, alcoholism, and single motherhood inspired her to go back and retrieve a higher education in 2016 and allow her to serve others who struggle as she once did. She graduated with her bachelor's degree in Social Work from Lewis & Clark State College in 2019 and began her Master's degree at Boise State University in 2020. Annie is an active member of her community as she sits on several boards and volunteers her time regularly. She is the board secretary for 208 Recovery North and the board secretary for Kootenai HomeShare. She is also an active board member for NAMI CDA. Annie enjoys assisting others who struggle with mental health issues, addiction problems, or co-occurring disorders find their way through life. She plans on completing her master's degree in the coming year and furthering her career.

Housing Idaho Committee
Rebecca Stinson
Region 1 Representative (Proxy)



Social Service Case Manager, St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho

Rebecca is one of five children raised by a very dedicated single mother. From the age of 18 Rebecca worked in the Health Care Industry as a Certified Nursing Assistant and after a few years of this decided to pursue and was accepted into the nursing program through North Idaho College. After 11-years as a C.N.A, Rebecca left the Healthcare field and began working for St. Vincent de Paul in early 2015 as an Administrative Assistant under their Grant Per Diem program. Rebecca possesses both an Associates in Life Sciences and a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science. Rebecca is currently the Social Services Case Manager for St. Vincent de Paul of North Idaho's H.E.L.P. Center. For Nine years she has overseen the Women's Shelter, Men's Shelter, Warming Shelter, Homeless Prevention, and Rapid Rehousing Programs all while facilitating basic needs for at-risk community members. Mental health and serving those most in need are things she has always felt strongly about. As a result, she has centered her education and her career on making sure her community and those most vulnerable have access to mainstream resources and fair housing opportunities.

Rebecca has been affiliated with or volunteered for:

- 208 Recovery
- United Way Charities
- Human Rights Education institute
- Region One Homeless Coalition
- CDAIDE
- NAMI

Rebecca has one son, newly graduated and starting to find his own way in life. In her down time Rebecca enjoys reading, writing short stories and poetry, and anything to do with fresh water: rafting, swimming, boating, and fishing.

**Housing Idaho Committee
Elisabeth Jaeger
Region 1 Representative (Proxy)**



Housing Advocate, Safe Passage

Elisabeth's position at Safe Passage entails the oversight of Safe Passage's 4 housing programs: Home America Rescue Plan (Home ARP), Creating Change Rapid Rehousing Continuum of Care (CCRRH-COC), Emergency Solution Grant Homeless Prevention (ESG-HP), Hope Moves Transitional Housing (HMTH). Elisabeth moved up from Klamath California at age seven after her family home burned in a house fire and has lived in Kootenai County since. As a resident of the City of Rathdrum, she enjoys hiking in the many surrounding forests that this gorgeous state has to offer. She graduated from Lakeland Highschool, and pursued her Associates through North Idaho College in Humanities, and graduated through Lewis Clark State College with her BS in Business. Elisabeth's passion is to help meet them where they are on their lifepath and help guide them towards homeownership.

**Housing Idaho Committee
Dr. Casey Bolt
Region 2 Representative**



Executive Director, Sojourners Alliance

Dr. Casey Bolt is originally from California and has lived on the Palouse for nearly a decade. His background is in Economics and completed his preparation for an academic career earning a Phd. in 2022 in Economics from WSU. He still lives in Pullman and most recently took over as Executive Director at Sojourners Alliance, a non-profit dedicated to confronting barriers that lead to homelessness, located in Moscow. Sojourners Alliance in addition to providing its own services, it fills the role as the Access Point for services in this region. He seeks to foster communication between organizations, government, and private companies to increase the ability to meet the need that persists in the region.

**Housing Idaho Committee
Carissa Connelly
Region 4 Representative**



Housing Director, City of Ketchum + Blaine County Housing Authority

Carissa Connelly is the Housing Director for the City of Ketchum, Idaho. Carissa managed the development of Ketchum's first Housing Action Plan and is now leading its implementation. The comprehensive plan means Carissa project manages or facilitates actions to achieve the following goals: (1) create and preserve housing; (2) update policy to promote community housing; (3) expand and improve services to create housing stability; (4) expand and leverage resources; and (5) inform, engage, and collaborate. Under Carissa's leadership, the Housing Department also staffs – and is stabilizing – the Blaine County Housing Authority.

Carissa also worked at Georgia's Housing Finance Agency where she improved housing policies and managed and reviewed the underwriting, market studies, relocation plans, and environmental studies in applications for affordable housing finance. She has conducted strategic planning for a range of social impact startups. Carissa earned a dual master's from Harvard in Urban Planning and in Real Estate. She grew up in Ketchum and is loving being home.

Housing Idaho Committee
Sarah O-Banion
Region 5 Representative

Executive Director, Family Services Alliance of SE Idaho

Sarah O'Banion currently serves as the Executive Director for Family Services Alliance of SE Idaho. As a social worker for over twenty years, Sarah has partnered with many families affected by violence as they move from being victims to survivors. Through individual and group work, she has worked to promote healthy and respectful relationships, empower individuals, and end violence. Sarah recognizes that safe and stable housing is critical for victims of abuse as they heal from the trauma of abuse. She is grateful to work among so many dedicated and empathetic folks and looks forward to our continued work together. A shy girl from Montana, she found her voice in Idaho while working with survivors, loving kitties, and being a part of positive change.

Housing Idaho Committee

Robert Swiston

Region 6 Representative

Case Manager/Housing Specialist/Safety & Security, CLUB, Inc.

Experience/Education:

BS - Mathematics, University of Wyoming

BA - Education, University of Wyoming

BA - Psychology, University of Wyoming

Counselor - Laramie, Wyoming

Calculus Teacher - Chinle, Arizona

Software Engineer - Idaho Falls, ID

Personal:

Robert spent the last several years developing software and hardware for businesses in California, Washington, Kansas, Iowa, New Jersey, New York, Canada, and Germany. Robert's cattle tracking and processing software was featured in the New York Times in 2018. In 2021, Robert decided to take a U-turn in his career and work with his wife in helping others in need - he never looked back.

Robert enjoys spending his free time restoring classic muscle cars, painting, sculpting and traveling around the world with his wife. Robert speaks 3 languages (Spanish, German, and of course English). Robert's motto: "Learn something new EVERY day!"

Housing Idaho Committee
Charles Hale
Lived Experience Panel Representative



Director of Operations & Programs, Idaho Falls Rescue Mission (IFRM)

Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA)
Bachelors of Science Degree in Information Technology (BSIT)

IFRM Navigate Program Graduate
Bonneville Interagency Council Board Member/Treasurer
Idaho Housing and Finance - Region 6 Lived Experience Panel (LEP) Host Facilitator
Idaho Housing and Finance - Housing Idaho Collaborative (HIC) Lived Experience Panel
2024 Idaho Falls Mayor's Choice Award Recipient - Community Enrichment Award

Hobbies include skydiving, travel, adventure and pursuing pilots license

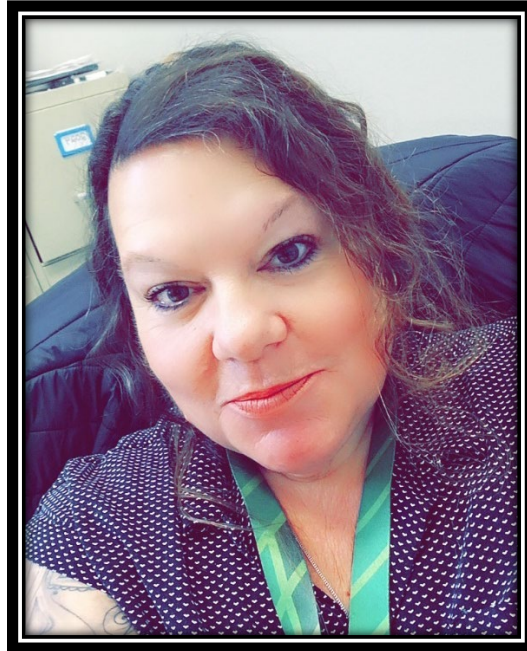
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**Informing Idaho Committee Tami
Moore
Chair & Region 5 Representative**



Shelter Manager, Aid For Friends

Tami has been the Shelter Manager for Aid For Friends since January 2020. She has been involved in working with the vulnerable population since 2009. She is involved in Regional Homeless Coalition and is the chairperson for Region 5's annual Homeless Stand Down in October. Aid For Friends was established in 1984 and the emergency shelter currently utilizes 55 beds and is expected to increase to 75 beds in the near future. The shelter serves single adults and families. Aid For Friends also has other programs for more long term housing assistance such as Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention.

Informing Idaho Committee
Sonali Dilip Thombare
Secretary



HMIS/CMIS Compliance & Support Coordinator, Idaho Housing and Finance Association

Sonali Thombare is the HMIS/CMIS Compliance & Support Coordinator at the Homelessness Programs Department. She recently graduated from Boise State University with a double major in Cybersecurity and an MBA. Prior to her current role, Sonali served as a Graduate Assistant at Boise State University and completed an internship with St. Luke's Health System in consumer access.

In her current position, Sonali is responsible for training new and existing HMIS/CMIS users, ensuring adherence to system procedures and federal compliance standards. She provides ongoing technical support, assists with data entry, report generation, and troubleshooting, and manages system security and compliance audits. Additionally, she generates and distributes required reports for HUD, CoC, and other stakeholders, working closely with system administrators to maintain accurate data and meet reporting thresholds.

Originally from India, Sonali moved to Idaho to pursue her undergraduate degree in Business Administration and Management at The College of Idaho. Outside of work, she enjoys hiking, biking, camping, and spending time outdoors with her beloved dogs.

**Informing Idaho Committee
Donna Brundage
Region 1 Representative**



Grants Specialist & Community Outreach Advocate, St. Vincent de Paul

Donna is originally from the Scranton, PA area where she obtained her BA in Communications from Marywood University. She later returned to college and earned an associate degree in Graphic Design. She has also completed the Non-Profit Leadership Certificate Program at the University of Idaho. She currently works at St. Vincent de Paul as their Grants Specialist & Community Outreach Advocate. She is also a freelance graphic designer.

Donna has worked in the social services field for over 25 years. Past titles include National Risk Management Director for CEDU Family of Services and Wagon Master for VisionQuest. Donna is an active volunteer in Coeur d'Alene, serving as a board member for NAMI, NAMI Idaho, CDAIDE Board President, NIAC, Region 1 Behavioral Health Board, 208 Recovery Board President and Civic Action Engagement Alliance. She is also the Region One Chair of the Annual Point-in-Time Homeless Census count. She serves on the Governor's Suicide Prevention Challenge Committee and volunteers for SPAN, the ALICE Task Force and is a member of the Session for First Presbyterian Church Downtown, as well as the Community Outreach Committee Chair.

In 2021, Donna received the Nonprofit Professional of the Year award from the United Way and the Region One Mental Health Advocate of the Year award from Empower Idaho in 2022.

**Informing Idaho Committee
Jennifer Struckman
Region 1 Representative (Proxy)**

Case Manager, Saint Vincent De Paul of North Idaho

In 1946, parishioners at St Thomas Catholic Church embarked on a mission to serve the poor and homeless in our area by creating a clothing closet which bloomed into St. Vincent de Paul. St Vincent de Paul of North Idaho has recently received the designation of EnVision Center from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. We are honored to be the first agency in Idaho to receive this national honor.

**Informing Idaho Committee
Autumn Shafer
Region 2 Representative**



Executive Director, Family Promise of the Palouse

After serving on the Board of Directors for seven years, Autumn began serving as ED for Family Promise of the Palouse in November of 2021. She has a degree in business with an emphasis on business organization and accounting. Autumn has lived in the Palouse for over twenty years and has experience in property management, accounting, and non-profit administration. She lives in Pullman, WA with her husband Jeremy, daughter Kalista, and son Lincoln.

Informing Idaho Committee

Matt Jamison

Region 3 Representative



Community Development Program Manager, City of Nampa, Idaho

Matt Jamison has served as the Community Development Program Manager for the City of Nampa since 2018. In this role, he manages the annual allocation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and oversees programs funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under his leadership, the grant program has supported efforts addressing homelessness, domestic violence, affordable housing development, homeownership assistance, critical home repairs, and food access.

Matt brings over 25 years of combined experience from the construction and banking industries, with 15 years in construction and 12 years in banking prior to joining the City of Nampa. His diverse background provides a strong foundation for community-focused program development and cross-sector collaboration.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors for The Traveling Table, a mobile food pantry serving Nampa, Caldwell, and surrounding communities. Through this work, he has helped expand access to food and essential services across the region.

Community Involvement and Affiliations:

- Board Member, Northwest Association of Community Development Managers (NWACDM)
- Board Member, The Traveling Table – Mobile Food Pantry
- Co-Chair, Healthy Impact Nampa Coalition – Housing & Food Access Committee
- Participant, Reinvestment Fund / Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiatives
- Member, Region 3 Coalition

Matt and his wife Susanne have two children, one entering college this fall and the other beginning their senior year of high school. In his free time, Matt enjoys spending time with family and friends, rafting, fishing, and watching baseball.

**Informing Idaho Committee
Kymm Swiston, SNS, CNC
Region 6 Representative**



Accounting Manager & Housing Operations Manager, CLUB, Inc.

Kymm has worked for CLUB, Inc. for over 5 years. She is a Jill-of-All-Trades and during that time, has worked in various positions at CLUB, Inc. from front desk reception to intake specialist to accounting manager to housing operations manager. Her mission is to assist individuals and families on their road to self-sufficiency. Kymm has a degree in Education with minors in history, science and math and she is credentialed as a school nutrition specialist and certified nutritional consultant.

**Informing Idaho Committee
Jennifer Lopez
Lived Experience Panel Representative**

Aid for Friends

I have been working with Aid for Friends Inc. since 2020 starting out as the overnight supervisor for our shelter and was previously a client myself. I got more involved in working with the access point later that year. I currently do both and have added many other things to my working list of accomplishments. I have recently joined the Lived Experience panel and am part of the Informing Idaho Committee. It has been a true blessing to come from being homeless to helping those with housing instability.

**Informing Idaho Committee
Casey Mattoon
Boise CoC Representative**



Our Path Home, Manager

Casey Mattoon is the new Our Path Home Manager at the City of Boise. They bring with them 10 years of experience in stakeholder engagement, project management and program advising. Born and raised in Eagle, a graduate of Bishop Kelly High School and the College of Idaho, Casey has deep roots of connection to Idaho. After obtaining a dual degree in Political Economy and Environmental Studies, Casey served with Peace Corps Nicaragua for three years working on various multi-agency community projects focused on sustainable and economic development. Feeling called to work on the climate crisis, Casey joined the Idaho Chapter Sierra Club as the Conservation Program Coordinator to lead public advocacy campaigns for clean energy and transportation, in addition to building organizational capacity through a lens of non-profit management. Shifting to work for the national Sierra Club, Casey was hired as the Chapter Support Representative for the Western Region, where they led a department restructure and change management process to more meaningfully support Sierra Club's 64 chapters and 351 groups with a governance framework that centralized processes for cross-organizational planning, funding, and evaluating progress in capacity and program development. Casey loves to connect with people on things they are passionate about and has oriented their professional work towards mission driven impact. They are excited to join us in our efforts to end homelessness and address the housing crisis through a comprehensive, collaborative partnership.

**Informing Idaho Committee
John Gibbons
HMIS/CMIS Lead Rep.**



**HMIS/CMIS System Administrator, Idaho Housing and Finance
Association**

John Gibbons serves as the System Administrator for the HMIS Lead in the Homelessness Programs Department at Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA). John joined IHFA in August 2021 after working at Boise State University for most of his career. In 2020, he received his BBA with an emphasis in Information Technology from Boise State University. Some of the aspects John enjoys most about his role include fulfilling data requests, the challenge of federal reporting, and working with data focused partners—here we go Informing Idaho committee! John is excited to help the partners in the HIC work toward data integrity that will serve the shared goal of taking steps to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.

John can be a bit annoying about wanting to share pictures of his dogs, Billie and Ranger.

HIC's Engaging Idaho Committee

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Engaging Idaho Committee
Brenna Frantti
Chair & Region 2 Representative



Shelter Program Family Advocate, Family Promise of the Palouse

Brenna Frantti is the Shelter Family Advocate at Family Promise of the Palouse, a non-profit that empowers families with children experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence for a more promising future. As the Shelter Family Advocate, Brenna assists families in the Shelter program reach their goals of finding employment and housing by creating action plans, gathering resources, and offering educational opportunities and tools to empower families on their journey to stability.

Brenna grew up in Eastern Washington and has lived on the Palouse for almost five years. She obtained her bachelor's degree in Sociology from Grand Canyon University and is eager to jump into a graduate program to obtain her LCSW. For the past seven years, Brenna has worked with children and families in various communities teaching in childcare centers and serving in church ministries.

Engaging Idaho Committee
Heidi Sellick-Diaz
Secretary



Housing Network Lead, Idaho Housing and Finance Association

Heidi Sellick-Diaz is the Housing Network Lead in the Homelessness Programs Department at Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA). Prior to her current role, Heidi worked in many different roles as youth pastor, teacher, bookstore supervisor, and administrative assistant. In 2020, she received her Master of Divinity from Western Seminary in Portland, OR. Her undergraduate degree was in English and Writing. Heidi has always had a heart for the outcasts and homeless. She had served at various homeless ministries in Portland before moving to Boise in 2021. As the Housing Network Lead for IHFA, Heidi helps coordinate the House Idaho Collaborative's Regional Coalitions, Committees, and partners to achieve functional zero homelessness in Idaho. Heidi has loved helping strategize and build the HIC over the past two years. Creating and facilitating the Lived Experience Panels, HIC newsletters, and the HIC committees has been a joy and privilege. Her heart is to see Idaho businesses, governments, faith-based communities, and all work together to achieve a home for everyone.

In her free time, Heidi writes poems, a fantasy novel, and devotional articles. She enjoys exploring nature and traveling with her new husband.

**Engaging Idaho Committee
Lisa Donaldson
LEP & Region 1 Representative**



Family Service Coordinator, Family Promise of North Idaho

Lisa earned her Associate Degree from North Idaho College & her Bachelor's Degree from Lewis Clark State College, Coeur d'Alene campus. She completed an internship with Family Promise of North Idaho in 2016 and has been the Family Service Coordinator since then. Lisa is very active in her community, and regularly attends meetings with the ALICE task force, Strengthening Families Coalition, Homeless Coalition, Hayden Chamber of Commerce, and more! Recently, she joined the HIC's Engaging Idaho Committee. Lisa is passionate about helping people climb out of their difficult situations. She believes people deserve second chances.

Engaging Idaho Committee
Jolene Cliffe
Region 2 Representative (Proxy)

Vice Chair of LC Valley Cares

Jolene Cliffe is an experienced human services professional with over two decades of work supporting individuals and families in crisis, with a strong emphasis on disability rights, accessibility, and co-occurring disorders. She holds an Associate of Arts in Communication and brings a compassionate, inclusive approach shaped by her service across Florida, and now Idaho.

Since relocating to Idaho from Tampa, Jolene has become a passionate and visible advocate for disability justice, accessible housing, and inclusive community development. She currently serves as an Independent Living Advocate at Disability Action Center NW (DAC), where she supports individuals with disabilities in securing the tools, services, and accommodations needed to live independently and with dignity. Her work addresses barriers in housing, transportation, and communication—ensuring everyone has equal opportunity to thrive. Jolene's dedication to community equity is reflected in both her professional and personal life. She currently serves as Vice Chair of LC Valley Cares (formerly the LC Valley Adult Resource Center), where she previously directed the organization's Warming Shelter project from December 2021 through May 2022. In addition, she sits on the boards of Elves for the Homeless and Walk This Way Media, where she continues to advocate for underserved populations, including individuals experiencing homelessness and people with disabilities. One of her greatest joys is involving her children in community volunteer efforts—teaching them the value of service by example.

Her professional and personal interests include supporting individuals with co-occurring disorders, disabilities, and addiction, as well as advancing disability rights and community development. Jolene has specialized throughout her career in accessibility coordination, reentry support, crisis response, and resource navigation—always with a focus on equity, compassion, and building resilient, inclusive communities across the LC Valley.

Engaging Idaho Committee
John Stennett
Region 3 Representative



MSW Program Director/Associate Professor, Northwest Nazarene University

John earned his MSW at Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) in 2003 and has been an LMSW since 2004. He started his social services career investigating child abuse for the State of Texas for two years. Subsequently, he worked in social service administration with The Salvation Army for 23 years (plus two years of training) in various locations and at various levels of responsibility. In these positions, he had the opportunity to run food pantries, emergency shelters, transitional shelters, Housing First programs, licensed childcare facilities, youth camps, a large athletic/family wellness center, and emergency disaster services. His final position as the Territorial Social Services Secretary included responsibility for all social service programs of The Salvation Army in the 13 Western States. This included program creation, implementation, review, and revision. He also briefly worked for the International Rescue Committee, supervising refugee resettlement in Boise. Finally, he began teaching for the MSW program at NNU in 2019. He enjoys teaching and hopes to continue doing so for many more years.

John was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala. His parents were Missionaries. He also lived in San Salvador, El Salvador, and did not move to the United States until he was almost 19 years old. Most of his years living in El Salvador were during the civil war. When he arrived in the USA, he promptly joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the infantry. This enabled him to use the GI Bill to attend Grand Canyon University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree (double-major - Psychology and Religion).

John is very fortunate to have been married to his wonderful wife for 35 years. They have two adult daughters, one fantastic son-in-law, and four amazing grandchildren. One daughter lives in Tokyo and the other in New York City, which means that he travels often.

Engaging Idaho Committee
Leslie Foltz
Region 5 Representative



Executive Director, Bannock Youth Foundation

Leslie Foltz began her career at the Bannock Youth Foundation in 1992 as a social work intern through the Idaho State University Social Work Program. Once she completed her internship, she was hired as an LSW in the Treatment Family Program at Bannock Youth Foundation. Throughout her 33-year career at BYF, she has worked in various programs within the agency. She loves her work at Bannock Youth and has devoted her entire career to the youth and families in Southeast Idaho. In January, Leslie transitioned into her new role as Executive Director. Her passion for this agency and the lives it transforms fuels her desire to continue serving.

Leslie has worked with Idaho Housing and Finance in various roles for many years and has given her time in leadership roles within our Regional Homeless and Housing Coalition as well as IHFA. She advocates for youth issues related to homelessness and making sure young people have the supports they need to be successful in transitioning into independent living. Leslie most recently joined the Engaging Idaho Committee.

When she is not working, Leslie enjoys various outdoor activities, including camping, cycling, hiking, and skiing. She and her husband Tom are enjoying their best life as empty nesters and love to vacation and take family trips with their adult children.

Engaging Idaho Committee
Joe Earnest
Region 6 Representative



Staff Attorney, Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc.

Joe Earnest works at Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. in the Idaho Falls office. In his current position, Joe is the housing group chair at and focuses on eviction prevention and elder law for low income Idahoans. He has been practicing law for twelve years, and also has experience in bankruptcy, consumer protection, landlord-tenant, fair housing law, and disability rights law. Joe enjoys serving his community through client representation and by providing legal education and resources to clients and community partners.

In his personal life, he enjoys reading, hiking, puzzles of all kinds, and playing games from his (far to large) board game collection with his wife, children, and friends.

Engaging Idaho Committee
Sarah Heaton
IHFA Public Housing Authority Representative

Rental Assistance Coordinator III/ Hearing Officer, IHFA

Sarah Heaton is a Rental Assistance Coordinator III and Hearing Officer for Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA). She has been with IHFA since 2012 and has developed extensive expertise in Housing Choice Voucher programs, including VASH, Mainstream, Families First, HOV, and Emergency Housing. Additionally, she serves as an auditor and current EIV coordinator for IHFA.

Sarah holds a Bachelor of Communication degree from Lewis-Clark State College (2005) and a certificate in non-profit management from the University of Idaho (2019).

With a deep commitment to her community, Sarah is dedicated to improving lives by expanding stable housing opportunities in Idaho. She believes that achieving this goal requires collaboration, compassion, respect, and creativity, and is committed to fostering a community that supports and empowers its members. Through her experiences, Sarah has developed a personal philosophy centered around the values of service and lifelong learning.

In her free time, Sarah enjoys spending time outdoors in North Idaho with her husband and their three adult children.

Engaging Idaho Committee
Erika Switzer
Coordinated Entry Administrator



**Coordinated Entry Administrator, Idaho Housing and Finance
Association**

Erika has a Master of Arts Degree in Conflict Transformation and a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences with a Teaching Emphasis, as well as more than six years of experience in non-profit housing and homelessness work. Before taking on the role of Coordinated Entry Administrator at IHFA, Erika worked as a housing navigator for Terry Reilly Health Services, and as both the Director of Homeownership Education Programs and as a HUD-certified Housing Counselor at NeighborWorks Boise. Before working in the homelessness field, Erika lived in Indonesia, where she taught Master's level peacebuilding courses on Conflict Analysis and Peacebuilding Professionalism. When she's not at work, Erika enjoys spending time with her husband, Luke, their twin, eleven-month-old boys, Arlo and Jude, and their older children MaddiLyn, Everett, and Elaine.

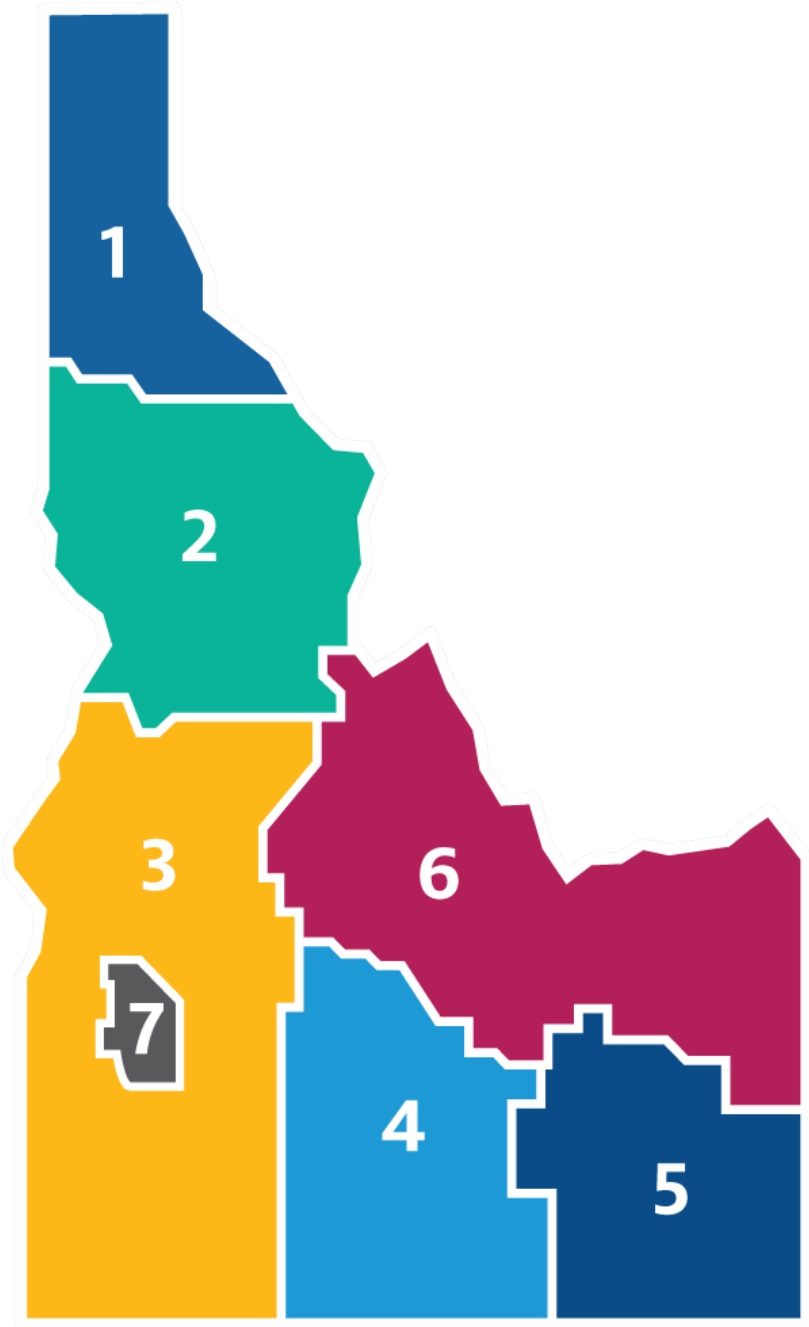
**Engaging Idaho Committee
Anji Armagost
Youth Action Board Representative**



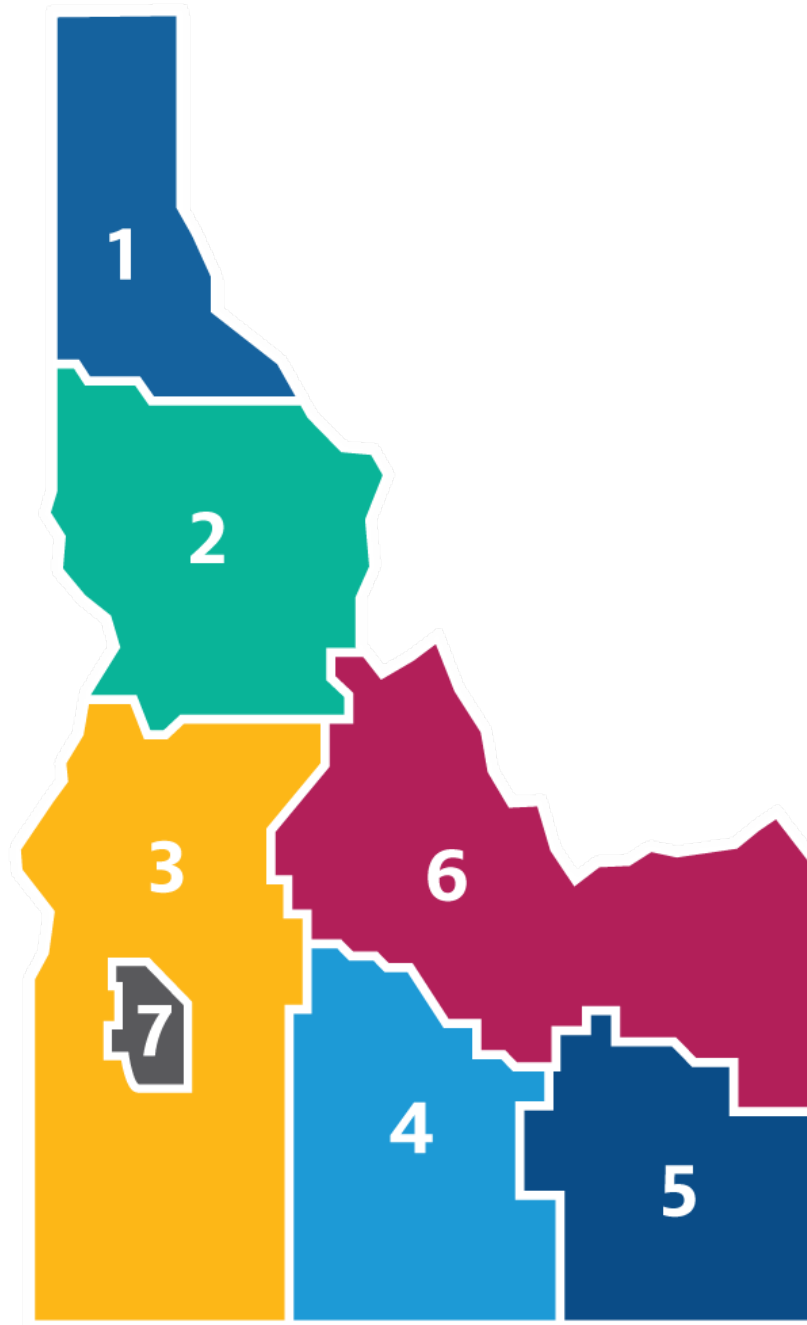
Special Needs Grant Coordinator, IHFA

Anji is a dedicated leader with extensive experience in the non-profit sector, program management, and community service. She has successfully overseen statewide initiatives, including the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), expanding access to underserved areas and serving over 15,000 children annually. With expertise in compliance, training, financial oversight, and grant writing, Anji is committed to fostering equity and continuous improvement in critical programs. She holds an MBA from Boise State University, multiple professional certifications, and has been recognized for her contributions to community development and advocacy. Outside of work, Anji owns and operates a snow cone shack where she mentors first-time employees on the fundamentals of running a small business. She is a parent and licensed foster parent and enjoys caring for her family's 12 rabbits.

**HIC's
Regional Coalition Leaders**



HIC's Region 1 Coalition



**Region 1 Coalition Leader
John Bruning
Chair**



Retired

John is a native Idahoan born and raised in Wallace. He and his wife Sheila, also from Wallace, have four children and seven grandchildren.

John retired from the U.S. Forest Service in 2007 where he worked as a timber sale contract administrator for 42 years. He completed his education in forestry at Oregon State University at the Forest Engineering Institute.

In 1982 John was appointed to the Coeur d'Alene Planning and Zoning Commission where he served for 25 years, with 20 years as chairman. In 2007, he was elected to the Coeur d'Alene City Council where he served for 4 years. During his time on the City Council, he served as Council Liaison to the police and fire departments. John is currently a member of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee, the Arts Commission, Board of Directors for the Centennial Trail Foundation and Board VP for St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho (SVDP).

John began his volunteer work with SVDP in 1982 as an advisor to the Housing Committee. He joined the Board of Directors in 2001 and served as Board President from 2005 to 2011. He is currently Board Vice President for the Housing & Facilities Committee and also serves on the SVDP governing boards for Kathy Reed House, Lynn Peterson House and John O' Brian House.

In addition to his work for SVDP, John is Chair for the Region 1 House Idaho Collaborative and Board President for Panhandle Affordable Housing Alliance.

**Region 1 Coalition Leader
Chris Green, LCSW, CCTP
Vice Chair**



**Heritage Health Psychiatric Services Director and Street Medicine
Community Outreach Director**

Chris Green has been supporting the mental health needs of homeless neighbors in our community for the past 15 years. As a former small business owner, he moved “back home” to Coeur d’Alene in 2009 where he began his social services career at St. Vincent de Paul as a case manager, then Emergency Shelters program and community kitchen director. In his last two years at SVDP, he developed and ran a homeless veteran’s program called GPD in collaboration with the Healthcare for Homeless Veterans program (a department of the Veterans Administration). After earning his associate’s degree from North Idaho College and earning his bachelor’s degree from Lewis Clark State College (graduating Summa Cum Lauda), he worked at North Idaho College for five years as a TRIO professional and helped to implement the largest grant in NIC history; the Health Professions Center of Excellence healthcare grant that developed and improved healthcare education programs across the state. After earning his graduate degree from Boise State University, Chris came to work at Heritage Health in 2019. Chris worked as a Mental Health Clinician on the ACT Team working with severe and persistent mental illness populations in our community. Next, he brought behavioral health services to the Street Medicine Community Outreach program as director serving our community’s neighbors living with homelessness. Now Chris is leading the Heritage Health Psychiatric Services program as director, while still leading development of the SMO program. Chris went into social work to help our community bring healing to our neighbors struggling with homelessness and mental illness.

Chris is a certified clinical trauma professional that specializes in serving SPMI populations and helping vulnerable individuals with trauma heal and thrive so they can live their best lives. A fifth generation Coeur d’Alene’ite, Chris loves his profession, his community, and his family. He enjoys the outdoors, fishing, skeet shooting, and spending time with his family most of all. A fun fact about Chris is he spent 33-years raising four kids in Alaska in the wild before coming back home to Coeur d’Alene.

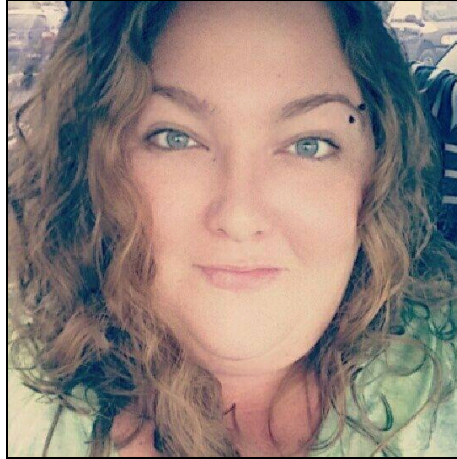
**Region 1 Coalition Leader
Annie Parker
Secretary**



Social Services Manager, St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho

Annie Parker currently serves as the Region 1 Homeless Coalition Board Secretary. Annie is the Social Services Manager at St Vincent de Paul of North Idaho. She is proudly a lifelong Idahoan who moved to Coeur d'Alene from Boise in 2014. Annie's life experience with homelessness, the military, alcoholism, and single motherhood inspired her to go back and retrieve a higher education in 2016 and allow her to serve others who struggle as she once did. She graduated with her bachelor's degree in Social Work from Lewis & Clark State College in 2019 and began her Master's degree at Boise State University in 2020. Annie is an active member of her community as she sits on several boards and volunteers her time regularly. She is the board secretary for 208 Recovery North and the board secretary for Kootenai HomeShare. She is also an active board member for NAMI CDA. Annie enjoys assisting others who struggle with mental health issues, addiction problems, or co-occurring disorders find their way through life. She plans on completing her master's degree in the coming year and furthering her career.

**Region 1 Coalition Leader
Rebecca Stinson
Access Point Director**



Social Service Case Manager, St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho

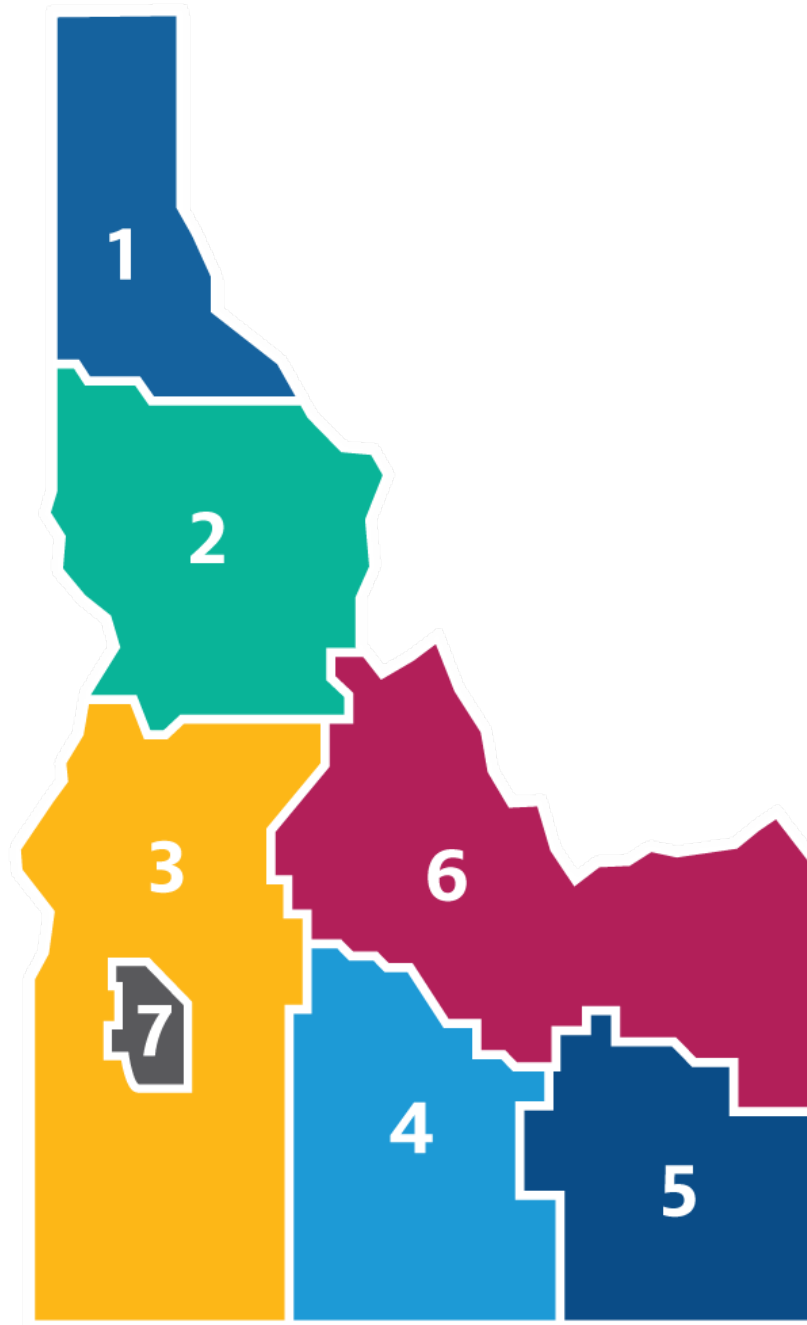
Rebecca is one of five children raised by a very dedicated single mother. From the age of 18 Rebecca worked in the Health Care Industry as a Certified Nursing Assistant and after a few years of this decided to pursue and was accepted into the nursing program through North Idaho College. After 11-years as a C.N.A, Rebecca left the Healthcare field and began working for St. Vincent de Paul in early 2015 as an Administrative Assistant under their Grant Per Diem program. Rebecca possesses both an Associates in Life Sciences and a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science. Rebecca is currently the Social Services Case Manager for St. Vincent de Paul of North Idaho's H.E.L.P. Center. For Nine years she has overseen the Women's Shelter, Men's Shelter, Warming Shelter, Homeless Prevention, and Rapid Rehousing Programs all while facilitating basic needs for at-risk community members. Mental health and serving those most in need are things she has always felt strongly about. As a result, she has centered her education and her career on making sure her community and those most vulnerable have access to mainstream resources and fair housing opportunities.

Rebecca has been affiliated with or volunteered for:

- 208 Recovery
- United Way Charities
- Human Rights Education institute
- Region One Homeless Coalition
- CDAIDE
- NAMI

Rebecca has one son, newly graduated and starting to find his own way in life. In her down time Rebecca enjoys reading, writing short stories and poetry, and anything to do with fresh water: rafting, swimming, boating, and fishing.

HIC's Region 2 Coalition



**Region 2 Coalition Leader
Autumn Shafer
Chair**



Executive Director, Family Promise of the Palouse

After serving on the Board of Directors for seven years, Autumn began serving as ED for Family Promise of the Palouse in November of 2021. She has a degree in business with an emphasis on business organization and accounting. Autumn has lived in the Palouse for over twenty years and has experience in property management, accounting, and non-profit administration. She lives in Pullman, WA with her husband Jeremy, daughter Kalista, and son Lincoln.

**Region 2 Coalition Lead
Dr. Casey Bolt
Co-Chair & AP Director**



Executive Director, Sojourners Alliance

Dr. Casey Bolt is originally from California and has lived on the Palouse for nearly a decade. His background is in Economics and completed his preparation for an academic career earning a Phd. in 2022 in Economics from WSU. He still lives in Pullman and most recently took over as Executive Director at Sojourners Alliance, a non-profit dedicated to confronting barriers that lead to homelessness, located in Moscow. Sojourners Alliance in addition to providing its own services, it fills the role as the Access Point for services in this region. He seeks to foster communication between organizations, government, and private companies to increase the ability to meet the need that persists in the region.

**Region 2 Coalition Leader
Michelle King
Treasurer**



President & Co-Founder, LC Valley Youth Resource Center

During the day, Michelle works for the WideOrbit Radio Sales Team, which serves radio broadcasters with reliable, user-friendly studio technology. But her passion lies in serving her community. In 2020 Michelle co-founded LC Valley Youth Resource Center for children unstably housed. She is also a Board Member for CHAS Health. Michelle speaks Spanish and is part of the Alliance for Women in Media. She received her Bachelor of Science in Communication from Lewis-Clark State College and then received her Broadcast Leadership Training in Organizational Leadership from the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation in 2011.

Region 2 Coalition Leader
Erika Miner
Access Point Director



Access Point Director-Sojourner's Alliance

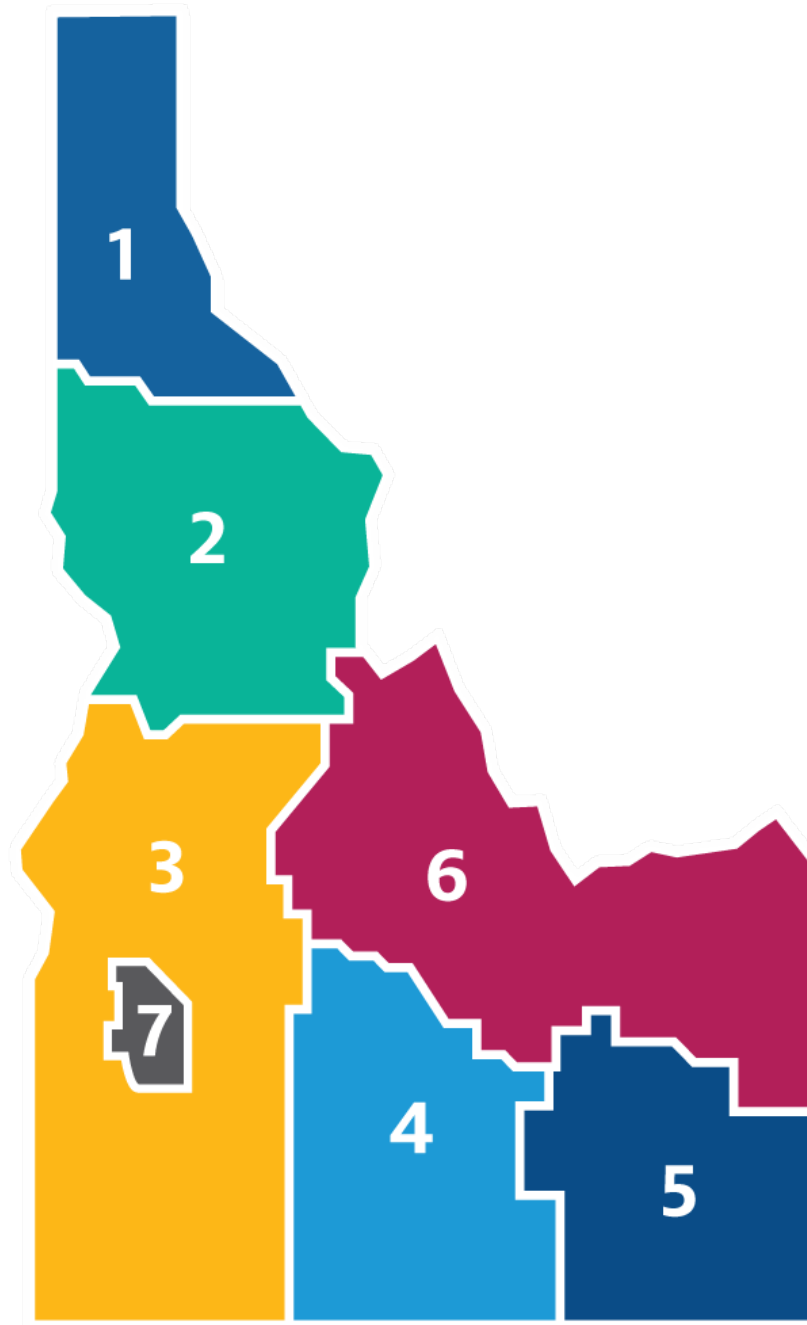
Erika Miner describes herself as a versatile professional with a long career of leading through change. The drive to exceed goals and expectations and deliver results makes her a valuable asset to Idaho's Continuum of Care and HIC team. Miner's 17-year career as an LPN, specializing in high-acuity, terminal, and pediatric patients, has formed her versatile, highly organized, and meticulous mindset. It also refined the tools needed for problem-solving through crisis management and conflict resolution. Miner's additions of a 2021 Bachelor of Arts and a Business Certification from COBE at Boise State University speak to her knowledge of today's newest, cutting-edge business practices. Armed with this degree and years of professional work experience, she ventured into a new career focused on non-profit business development and management. Miner sets a high bar for work ethic, compassion, and a fierce dedication to serving those in need. These qualities truly hallmark her professional leadership style.

Some accomplishments of note are:

- Finishing 1st in her Communications Officer class at Idaho's Peace Officer Standards and Training in Meridian
- Celebrated during BSU's commencement for Outstanding Student Leadership while representing her class's non-traditional students in university student government
- 10 years of volunteer religious service both in her local church and most recently as a missionary serving the homeless on the streets of Dallas, Texas

Erika is most proud of her accomplishments as a mother of 2, and loving sister and daughter.

HIC's Region 3 Coalition



**Region 3 Coalition Leader
Margie Potter
Chair**



**Fundraiser | Community Connector | Housing Advocate | Event
Coordinator**

Margie Potter is a 33-year Idaho resident and Community Connector. She is an advocate for affordable housing initiatives that benefit all Idaho residents. She has extensive involvement within her community with non-profit and civic engagement through fundraising, event planning and advocating for Idaho families since 2001. Her vision includes encouraging public-private partnerships to facilitate sustainable, community-driven developments. Margie helps non-profits, health, and social service providers, IHFA and housing developers to communicate with each other to advance affordable and attainable housing for all.

**Region 3 Coalition Leader
Amanda Nelson
Co-Chair & Access Point Director**



Region 3 Access Point Director, CATCH

Amanda acts as Catch's Access Point Program Director, bringing her expertise with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and 17 years of experience in the nonprofit sector. With a dedicated focus on ending homelessness and serving diverse populations, Amanda is deeply committed to making meaningful contributions to communities facing social, economic, and behavioral health barriers. Starting her career in street outreach and having the privilege of working closely with transitional aged youth, families, and individuals exiting incarceration she has witnessed the benefits of supportive resources, trauma-informed care, and Housing First. Amanda has considerable experience with program development and leadership valuing the importance of change, growth, and learning. She believes in leveraging team expertise to craft innovative solutions to address social challenges and empower individuals to thrive. Outside of work, Amanda finds joy in camping, attending concerts, and embarking on long bike rides on the Greenbelt. Her adventurous spirit fuels her enthusiasm for exploring new places and experiences.

**Region 3 Coalition Leader
Betsy Bowling
Secretary**



Region 3 Programs Director, CATCH

Betsy Bowling has been appointed by the Region 3 Coalition to replace Jeremy Blades as the Region 3 IHCC Board Representative. Betsy graduated from Northwest Nazarene University in 2013 and worked for several organizations who assisted people experiencing homelessness. In 2019, she began the Masters of Social Work Program at Boise State University. At the same time, she was offered an internship at the Nampa Family Justice Center and was hired shortly after. Betsy graduated in December of 2020 and was licensed later that month as an LMSW. She currently works as CATCH's Region 3 Programs Director, overseeing the Access Point, Coordinated Entry, and managing two case managers in the Taking Root, Rapid Re-housing project. Betsy has a passion for housing the homeless. Her heart has always been drawn to those on the margin of society and to reach those who others ignore. With a learner's spirit, Betsy hopes to continue to grow in understanding people's needs so that she can better educate the community on how to meet the needs.

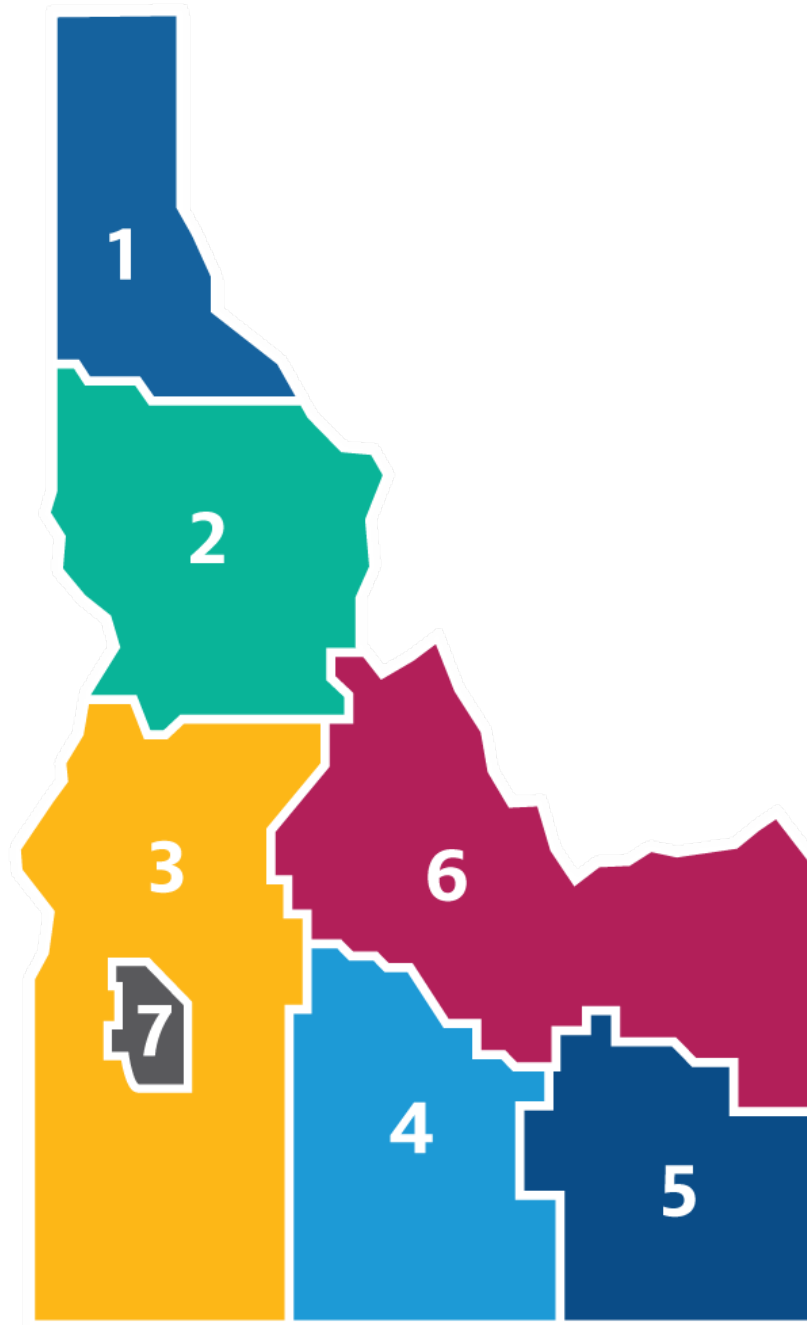
**Region 3 Coalition Leader
Amanda R. Johnson
Treasurer**



BUILD Program Specialist, WICAP Community Collaborative

Ms. Johnson's career in social services spans 20 years in Southwestern Idaho working within local communities to partner with individuals, families, and agencies. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and a Master of Science Degree in Psychology. Her work includes victim advocacy for families and individuals experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault, homelessness prevention, addressing food insecurities, family self-sufficiency programs, early childhood education, grant writing for non-profits, advocacy for active military and their families, community college adjunct facilitation, community event coordination, child sexual abuse prevention education, regional program coordination and low-income housing management. Currently, Ms. Johnson is working within a cohort to address health inequities in rural Idaho. Ms. Johnson has held positions at Advocates Against Family Violence, Inc., Nampa Housing Authority, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Treasure Valley Community College, and WICAP Community Collaborative. Through these positions, Ms. Johnson has participated in many community groups, collaboratives, coalitions, steering committees, boards, and panels.

HIC's Region 4 Coalition



**Region 4 Coalition Leader
Rosanna Campbell
Chair**



Community Services Director, SCCAP

Rosanna Campbell is the new Community Services Director for South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) in Twin Falls. Prior to her current role, Rosanna worked in many different positions as a Site Supervisor for the College of Southern Idaho Head Start Program for 13 years, Early Head Start Program Specialist for 2 years, University of Idaho Quality Child Care Consultant for 2 years. She served at the Chair of the Infant Toddler Program Advisory group in Region 5 for 8 years and as a Board Member for South Central Community Action Partnership for 11 years. Her passion for working with children, families and caregivers has driven her to seek out community partners and opportunities to strengthen families throughout the state of Idaho.

Rosanna is currently serving as Region 4 Homeless Coalition Chair and is a Guiding Idaho Committee member. Her position as Region 4 Homeless Coalition Chair offers the opportunity for her to continue the work of helping others. She is looking forward to maximizing the capacity of her Board members and participants by engaging in meaningful activities and efforts.

She believes that there is a variety of solutions to end unsheltered homelessness, that community leaders and businesses do care about what is happening in their towns. By partnering with other service organizations, government entities, local businesses, faith-based organizations, and individual community members, we can be effective and will make an impact.

Outside of work, Rosanna enjoys spending time with her kids and grandkids, hanging out with her mom and husband and relaxing. She likes outdoors, kayaking and movie popcorn.

**Region 4 Coalition Leader
Makenzie (Mak) Searle
Vice Chair**



**Program Coordinator in the Community Health and Engagement
Department, St. Luke's Health System**

Makenzie (Mak) Searle is a Nationally Board-Certified Health and Wellness Coach and has earned a master's degree in Public Health with a focus on Health Promotion from National University. She has been with St. Luke's Health System for five years and is currently working as a Program Coordinator in the Community Health and Engagement Department. Outside of St. Luke's Mak is an Allied Health Adjunct instructor at The College of Idaho and can often be found doing her favorite hobbies which include cross country skiing, mountain biking, wheelchair tennis, pickleball, handcycling, and playing with her service dog Price!

Region 4 Coalition Leader

Brittain Johnson

Secretary



Marketing Manager, Valley House Homeless Shelter, Twin Falls, ID

Brittain Johnson is the Marketing Manager at Valley House Homeless Shelter, where she helps share stories of resilience and impact while promoting the mission of offering help to motivated homeless as they work toward self-sufficiency. She holds a degree in Business with an emphasis in Integrated Marketing Communications from San Diego State University and brings over a decade of professional experience along with a deep passion for helping others.

After a long career in the insurance industry, Brittain shifted paths to start a woodworking and remodel business and began planning a nonprofit called Safe Haven, an initiative to collect household donations and design warm, personalized spaces for families moving into their first homes. Her visit to Valley House started as a search for volunteer opportunities and quickly turned into a meaningful career. Today, Brittain works to engage the community, highlight urgent needs, and show how support for Valley House provides a hand up, not a handout, to individuals and families across the region.

Brittain is affiliated with or has volunteered for:

- Secretary, Region 4 Homeless Coalition
- Fundraising Co-Chair, Pillar Falls PTO
- Volunteer Cook, Jae Foundation Retreats
- Volunteer, Rock Creek Firefighters Local 4973 Golf Tournament

Brittain is married to her husband Chris, a firefighter at Rock Creek Fire District. Together they are raising two active boys, ages four and six, who love all things sports, along with their black lab Scout. She enjoys building woodworking projects and making memories as a family, whether through movie nights, camping trips, hiking, or simply exploring the outdoors together.

Region 4 Coalition Leader

Kara J. Fort

Treasurer



President & CEO, United Way of South Central Idaho

Kara J. Fort is a mission-driven leader who believes in the power of people and the impact of collective action. As President and CEO of United Way of South Central Idaho, she champions initiatives in education, financial stability, health, and resilience to help communities thrive. With over two decades of experience, Kara has led creative teams, grown organizations, and built cross-sector partnerships that drive meaningful change.

She previously led 2 Serve Solutions, a woman-owned HUBZone small business, where she worked with federal agencies, global tech firms, national healthcare, and nonprofits to uplift underserved communities. Her career highlights include co-producing Alzheimer's documentaries for global networks and recruiting more than 350,000 participants for research. A passionate mentor and educator, she has taught journalism at all levels and guest lectured at ASU's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Kara brings both strategy and heart to her work, always focused on lifting others up and leading with purpose.

Kara has served in various community capacities in South Central Idaho over the years, including:

- Treasurer, Region 4 Homeless Coalition Committee
- Steering Committee Member, Region 4 Community & Economic Development Team
- Steering Committee Member, FindHelpIdaho.org
- Committee Member, Idaho Food Bank Fund Grant Review Team
- Board Member & Secretary, Voices Against Violence
- Board Member, Southern Idaho Rural Development
- Outreach Director, Valley Christian Church

Kara and her husband Jeremy have been married for 16 years and have a blended family of three amazing daughters. In her free time, Kara enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing piano, reading juicy novels, and writing poetry and essays.

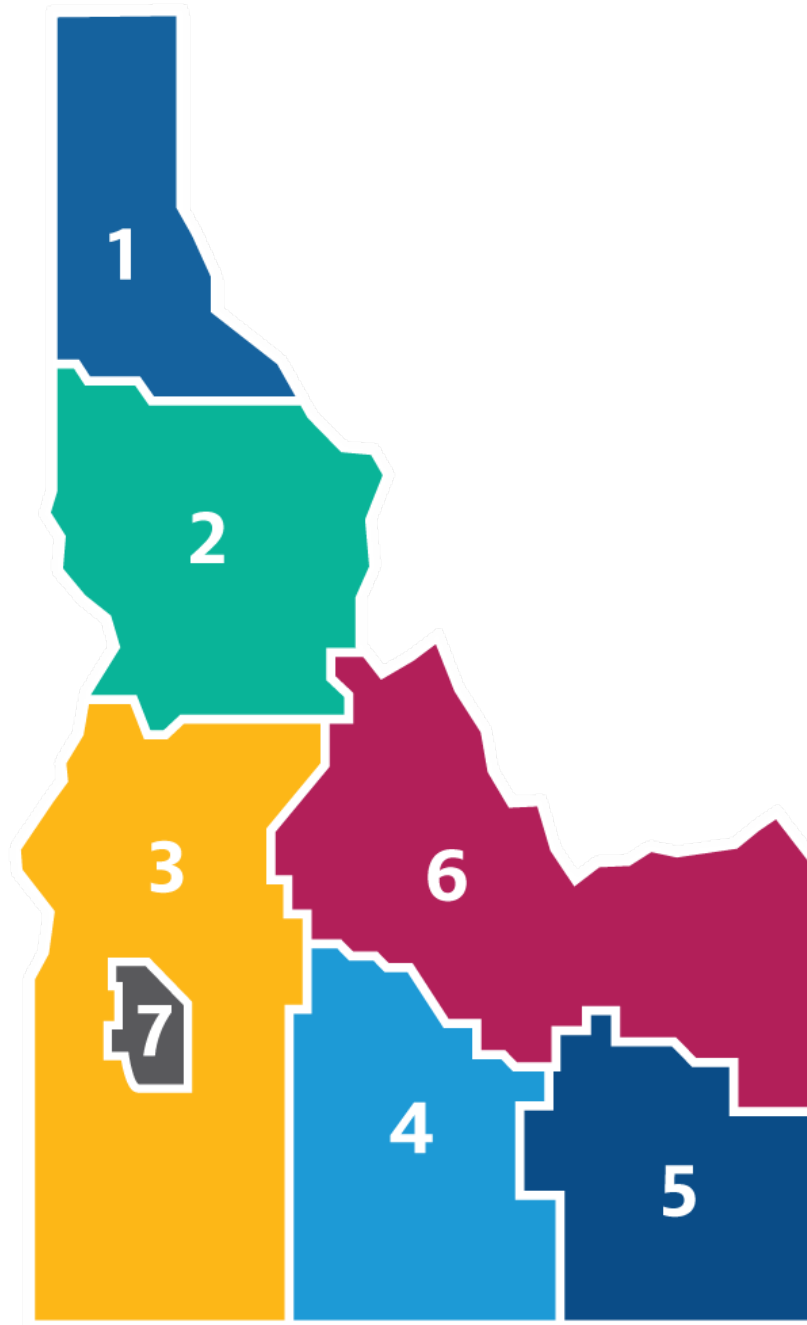
**Region 4 Coalition Leader
Lorena Ramirez
Access Point Director**



**Family Stability Program Operations Lead, South Central Community
Action Partnership**

Lorena Ramirez is the Family Stability Program Operations Lead at South Central Community Action Partnership and has worked at SCCAP for over 15 years. She works with low income community members in an effort to provide a wide range of services to aid those towards housing stability and self-sufficiency. She holds certifications in Family Development, and SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) programs. Lorena values family tremendously, and in her down time she enjoys spontaneous adventures with her husband.

HIC's Region 5 Coalition



Region 5 Coalition Leader
Jared Mangum
Chair



Executive Director, Housing Alliance & Community Partnerships

Jared leverages his extensive education, business acumen and life experience to serve the community of Pocatello as the Executive Director of the Housing Alliance & Community Partnerships (HACP) since April 2024.

He pursued a broad and varied education, including a professional certification, three undergraduate degrees and a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the University of Western States in 2011. After several auto accidents removed chiropractic work as a long-term employment option, he earned an MBA in Healthcare Administration from Western Governor's University in 2018. This allowed him to shift his focus from helping heal individuals to healing organizations.

Along with his education, he has accumulated a wealth of business proficiency and leadership skills from operating his own chiropractic practices, starting a medical products company, and most recently, revitalizing struggling assisted living communities. Through his experiences, he has developed a reputation as a fixer through restructuring, refreshing marketing, and standardizing operations of several businesses in the senior care industry.

When Jared left senior care and transitioned to HACP, true to form, he transformed the agency, built networks to better serve the community, and realigned all departments in the agency to drive high performance. Not only is he working to make HACP run smoothly, but he is also passionate about enhancing the purpose of the agency and combating homelessness.

Beyond his employment at HACP, Jared worked with a partner to start CareNet in 2022. CareNet is a community group in both Pocatello and Idaho Falls where they hold monthly meetings that focus on raising awareness of the services companies in each community provide – encouraging networking and collaboration to improve the communities they serve.

In his personal life, Jared loves spending time with his five amazing children, working on construction and landscaping projects at home, and visiting his relatives in his hometown of St. George, Utah. He also enjoys speaking German, which he learned serving an LDS mission in Hamburg, Germany, when he comes across others who are fluent.

**Region 5 Coalition Leader
Nicole Barnes
Secretary**



Occupancy Case Manager, Housing Alliance and Community Partnerships

Nicole is an Occupancy Case Manager for Housing Alliance and Community Partnerships (HACP), a role she stepped into in October 2024. Since joining the organization, she has found immense fulfillment in assisting individuals and families in securing stable housing. Her passion for community support and advocacy is at the heart of her work.

Before her time at HACP, Nicole built a strong foundation in service-oriented roles. She worked in the personal care industry as a Scheduling Manager, where she coordinated essential care services. This experience deepened her commitment to supporting vulnerable populations. Additionally, she served as a Special Populations Specialist at Idaho State University, where she provided critical resources and guidance to underserved communities.

Nicole's dedication to helping others is evident in both her professional and personal life. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Workplace Training and Leadership, equipping her with the skills to empower individuals and create meaningful change.

Beyond her career, Nicole and her family have a deep appreciation for the great outdoors. Whether skiing, camping, or exploring Idaho's natural hot springs, they embrace the beauty and adventure the state has to offer. She takes great pride in calling Idaho home and cherishes the opportunities it provides for both recreation and community engagement.

Region 5 Coalition Leader
Charity Staggs
Treasurer



Region Services Manager, Southeast Idaho Council of Governments

Charity Staggs is a believer in hard work, resourcefulness, and resilience. As the daughter of an Air Force service member, she experienced the challenges of frequent relocations, adapting to new communities, and overcoming uncertainties—lessons that now shape her commitment to helping communities. In 2019, she joined SICOG, where she quickly developed a deep understanding of the needs and challenges facing local governments. As the Regional Services Manager, Charity works to develop planning goals, secure critical funding, and promote regional collaboration to help communities become more resilient, prepared, and strategically connected.

**Region 5 Coalition Leader
Jessica Buckley
Access Point Director**



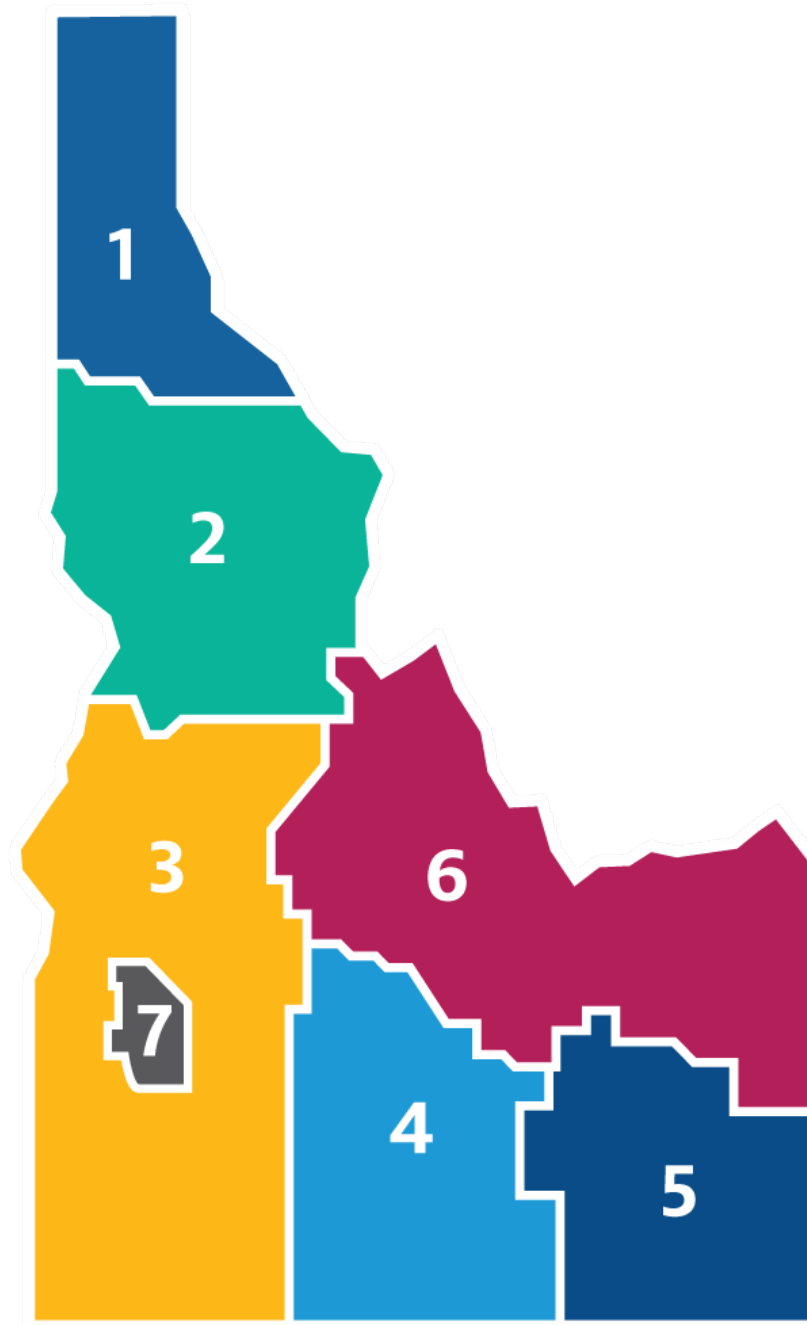
Region 5 Access Point Program Coordinator, Aid For Friends

Jessica Buckley was raised largely in Southeast Idaho as the second of 6 children. After graduating high school, she attended Idaho State University (Go Bengals!) and earned both a BS in Psychology and an MS in Experimental Psychology. Throughout this time, she worked in a variety of jobs, from hotel concierge to nursing home assistant, from tech support to psychosocial rehabilitation specialist. After completing her Master's degree, she joined the faculty of ISU as an Adjunct Professor where she occasionally taught introductory psychology courses until 2020.

Jessica first connected with Aid For Friends as an undergraduate at a homelessness awareness event and her heart has been tied to them ever since. Over the years while finishing her degrees and starting a family, she continued to spend time off and on volunteering at Aid For Friends doing fundraising, tech support, and social media and website management. She officially joined Aid For Friends as a staff member in May 2021 to serve as the Region 5 Access Point Program Coordinator.

In her free time, Jessica enjoys watching her three children learn and grow, while learning and growing right alongside them. She also enjoys immersing herself in other people's stories, whether through books, music, art, TV, film, or personal conversation. She is happiest when she is either completely surrounded by family or totally alone in nature.

HIC's Region 6 Coalition



**Region 6 Coalition Leader
Robert Swiston
Chair & AP Director**

Case Manager/Housing Specialist/Safety & Security, CLUB, Inc.

Experience/Education:

BS - Mathematics, University of Wyoming

BA - Education, University of Wyoming

BA - Psychology, University of Wyoming

Counselor - Laramie, Wyoming

Calculus Teacher - Chinle, Arizona

Software Engineer - Idaho Falls, ID

Personal:

Robert spent the last several years developing software and hardware for businesses in California, Washington, Kansas, Iowa, New Jersey, New York, Canada, and Germany. Robert's cattle tracking and processing software was featured in the New York Times in 2018. In 2021, Robert decided to take a U-turn in his career and work with his wife in helping others in need - he never looked back.

Robert enjoys spending his free time restoring classic muscle cars, painting, sculpting and traveling around the world with his wife. Robert speaks 3 languages (Spanish, German, and of course English). Robert's motto: "Learn something new EVERY day!"

**Regional Coalition Leader
Tyler Perkins
Region 6 Vice Chair**



CEO/Executive Director at Idaho Falls Rescue Mission

Tyler Perkins is the CEO/Executive Director for Idaho Falls' Rescue Mission for the past 7 years. His skills include budgeting, executive management, communication, and team leadership. He finds, Author and Founder of The Optimism Company, Simon Sinek, inspiring.

**Region 6 Coalition Leader
Isabelle Sorensen
Secretary**



**McKinney Vento, Migrant, and Foster Care Liaison,
Jefferson School District 251**

Isabelle Sorensen serves as the McKinney-Vento, Migrant, and Foster Care Family Liaison for Jefferson School District, where she supports some of the district's most vulnerable student populations. In this role, she advocates for students experiencing homelessness, migrant students, and children in foster care—ensuring they have the resources, stability, and encouragement needed to thrive in and out of the classroom.

Isabelle holds a Bachelor's degree in Spanish Education and TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). Her language expertise and cultural competency allow her to effectively bridge communication gaps and build strong, trusting relationships with students and families.

What Isabelle loves most about her work is its versatility. Every day is different and rewarding to know that what she does helps families feel seen, supported, and empowered.

Outside of work, Isabelle enjoys spending time with her husband, getting outdoors, staying active, and exploring the arts. Her personal and professional lives reflect a commitment to connection, creativity, and community.

**HIC's
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IHFA's Homeless Programs Team**



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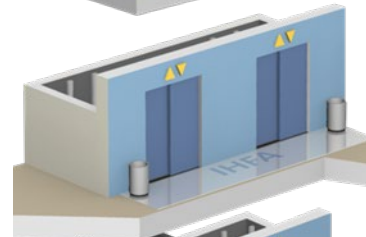
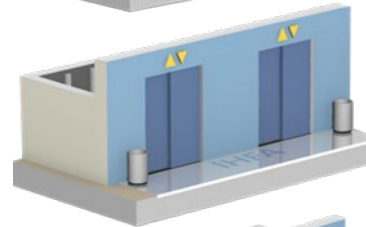
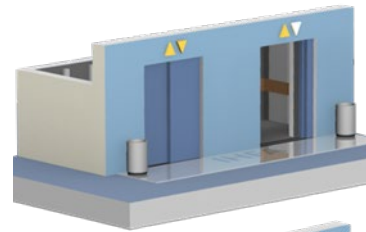
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**Administrative Agency
Jamie Simpson
Homeless Program Manager**



Homeless Programs Manager, Idaho Housing and Finance Association

Jamie's position at IHFA entails the oversight of federal grants including the Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions grants, Coordinated Entry, HMIS and support of the House Idaho Collaborative. Jamie grew up on the Palouse, then moved to the Treasure Valley where she has worked as a residential care administrator, qualified intellectual disabilities professional, supervisor of assisted living facilities licensing, and mental health agency credentialing. She obtained her BS in Social Sciences from Boise State University and Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from Northwest Nazarene University. Jamie looks forward to assisting the HIC to enhance innovation and expand partnerships to ensure homelessness in Idaho is rare, brief and non-recurring.

Administrative Agency

Heidi Sellick-Diaz

Housing Network Lead



Housing Network Lead, Idaho Housing and Finance Association

Heidi Sellick-Diaz is the Housing Network Lead in the Homelessness Programs Department at Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA). Prior to her current role, Heidi worked in many different roles as youth pastor, teacher, bookstore supervisor, and administrative assistant. In 2020, she received her Master of Divinity from Western Seminary in Portland, OR. Her undergraduate degree was in English and Writing. Heidi has always had a heart for the outcasts and homeless. She had served at various homeless ministries in Portland before moving to Boise in 2021. As the Housing Network Lead for IHFA, Heidi helps coordinate the House Idaho Collaborative's Regional Coalitions, Committees, and partners to achieve functional zero homelessness in Idaho. Heidi has loved helping strategize and build the HIC over the past two years. Creating and facilitating the Lived Experience Panels, HIC newsletters, and the HIC committees has been a joy and privilege. Her heart is to see Idaho businesses, governments, faith-based communities, and all work together to achieve a home for everyone.

In her free time, Heidi writes poems, a fantasy novel, and devotional articles. She enjoys exploring nature and traveling with her new husband.

**Administrative Agency
Erika Switzer
Coordinated Entry Administrator**



**Coordinated Entry Administrator, Idaho Housing and Finance
Association**

Erika has a Master of Arts Degree in Conflict Transformation and a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences with a Teaching Emphasis, as well as more than six years of experience in non-profit housing and homelessness work. Before taking on the role of Coordinated Entry Administrator at IHFA, Erika worked as a housing navigator for Terry Reilly Health Services, and as both the Director of Homeownership Education Programs and as a HUD-certified Housing Counselor at NeighborWorks Boise. Before working in the homelessness field, Erika lived in Indonesia, where she taught Master's level peacebuilding courses on Conflict Analysis and Peacebuilding Professionalism. When she's not at work, Erika enjoys spending time with her husband, Luke, their twin, eleven-month-old boys, Arlo and Jude, and their older children MaddiLyn, Everett, and Elaine.

**Administrative Agency
Shawn Walters
SNAP Supervisor**



SNAP Supervisor, Idaho Housing and Finance Association

Shawn Walters is the SNAP Supervisor in the Homelessness Programs Department at Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA). Prior to IHFA, Shawn worked in various non-profit agencies helping people with disabilities. Shawn has a History degree from Fort Hays State University in Kansas, and is a certified ADA Coordinator through the University of Missouri. In his current role at IHFA, Shawn is responsible for the general oversight of the CoC and ESG grant programs and supervises the Grant Coordinators and the Grant Writer positions. Shawn is responsible for the fiscal oversight, training, technical assistance, reporting, and completion of Consolidated Plans and Action Plans among other things.

In his free time, Shawn enjoys running, hiking, playing and restoring antique musical instruments, directing and producing films, kayaking, and chillin' out, maxin', relaxin' all cool and all shootin' some B-Ball outside of the school.

**Administrative Agency
Shane Carlton
Special Needs Grant Coordinator**



**Special Needs Grant Coordinator, Idaho Housing and Finance
Association**

Shane Carlton is one of the Special Needs Grant Coordinators with the Homelessness Programs Department at IHFA. He has been with IHFA for 3.5 years. Previously, Shane worked with the State of Idaho for 14.5 years in licensing within Medicaid and at the Council on Developmental Disabilities in a supporting role. Prior to working for the State, he worked for Micron for almost 10 years supervising the production mechanics shop.

In his free time, he likes biking, walking, and spending time with his grandkids.

Administrative Agency
Anji Armagost
Special Needs Grant Coordinator



Special Needs Grant Coordinator, IHFA

Anji is a dedicated leader with extensive experience in the non-profit sector, program management, and community service. She has successfully overseen statewide initiatives, including the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), expanding access to underserved areas and serving over 15,000 children annually. With expertise in compliance, training, financial oversight, and grant writing, Anji is committed to fostering equity and continuous improvement in critical programs. She holds an MBA from Boise State University, multiple professional certifications, and has been recognized for her contributions to community development and advocacy. Outside of work, Anji owns and operates a snow cone shack where she mentors first-time employees on the fundamentals of running a small business. She is a parent and licensed foster parent and enjoys caring for her family's 12 rabbits.

Administrative Agency

Amelia Valasek

Grants Coordinator III



Grants Coordinator, Idaho Housing and Finance Association

Amelia has worked in Idaho's nonprofit and government sectors for nearly twenty years, with experience spanning industries such as agriculture, adult education, emergency shelters, foodbanks, and libraries. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Technical Communication, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry. She is passionate about taking complex information and making it easy to understand and is one of the few people she knows who enjoys researching federal regulations. She also gets a thrill from designing beautiful and functional spreadsheets. In her role at IHFA, Amelia is overseeing the rollout and project management for new grant funds designed to improve services for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.

When she's not at work, you can find Amelia sitting at her laptop writing horror stories, cuddling her cats, or at the climbing gym working on the newest set of routes.

**Administrative Agency
Itzel Chavez**

Grant Coordinator II



Grant Coordinator, Idaho Housing and Finance Association

Starting July, 2025, Itzel Chavez is a new Grant Coordinator in the Homelessness Programs Department at IHFA. Previously, she worked in nonprofit development for seven years, including as grant writer and fundraising contractor for several local nonprofits including PODER of Idaho, Las Senoras INC, and African Community Development. She's worked at Centro Cultural de Washington County in Oregon, a Latinx essential resource organization, for three years as a Development Coordinator and Grant Manager, where she helped steward a two-million-dollar organizational budget.

Itzel is very involved in her community, volunteering upwards of 10 hours per week supporting mutual aid efforts for houseless individuals experiencing DV and nationality/language discrimination, organizing with youth through Pace for Peace 5K. She enjoys visiting family in Cassia County, art, and trying new local restaurants.

Administrative Agency
John Gibbons
HMIS/CMIS Lead System Administrator



HMIS/CMIS System Administrator, Idaho Housing and Finance Association

John Gibbons serves as the System Administrator for the HMIS Lead in the Homelessness Programs Department at Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA). John joined IHFA in August 2021 after working at Boise State University for most of his career. In 2020, he received his BBA with an emphasis in Information Technology from Boise State University. Some of the aspects John enjoys most about his role include fulfilling data requests, the challenge of federal reporting, and working with data focused partners—here we go Informing Idaho committee! John is excited to help the partners in the HIC work toward data integrity that will serve the shared goal of taking steps to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.

John can be a bit annoying about wanting to share pictures of his dogs, Billie and Ranger.

**Administrative Agency
Sonali Dilip Thombare
HMIS/CMIS Compliance & Support Coordinator**



HMIS/CMIS Compliance & Support Coordinator, Idaho Housing and Finance Association

Sonali Thombare is the HMIS/CMIS Compliance & Support Coordinator at the Homelessness Programs Department. She recently graduated from Boise State University with a double major in Cybersecurity and an MBA. Prior to her current role, Sonali served as a Graduate Assistant at Boise State University and completed an internship with St. Luke's Health System in consumer access.

In her current position, Sonali is responsible for training new and existing HMIS/CMIS users, ensuring adherence to system procedures and federal compliance standards. She provides ongoing technical support, assists with data entry, report generation, and troubleshooting, and manages system security and compliance audits. Additionally, she generates and distributes required reports for HUD, CoC, and other stakeholders, working closely with system administrators to maintain accurate data and meet reporting thresholds.

Originally from India, Sonali moved to Idaho to pursue her undergraduate degree in Business Administration and Management at The College of Idaho. Outside of work, she enjoys hiking, biking, camping, and spending time outdoors with her beloved dogs.

Administrative Agency
Amanda Thompson
HMIS/CMIS Compliance & Support Coordinator



HMIS/CMIS Compliance & Support Coordinator, IHFA

Amanda Thompson is a dedicated HMIS/CMIS System Administrator at the Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA), where she plays a key role in strengthening Idaho's homelessness response through data systems, training, and compliance support. With a strong background in systems administration and a heart for community impact, Amanda supports service providers across the state by delivering hands-on technical assistance, leading user training, and ensuring data quality that drives informed decision-making.

Amanda's work is rooted in a commitment to collaboration, equity, and continuous learning. She's known for her approachable style, sharp attention to detail, and ability to make complex systems more accessible for the people who rely on them. Whether she's troubleshooting a data issue, conducting training, or helping coordinate reporting, Amanda brings patience, clarity, and purpose to every task.

With a deep respect for informed practices and a passion for helping others thrive, Amanda finds meaning in being part of a mission-driven team working to ensure every individual has access to safe, stable housing. Outside of work, she enjoys exploring Idaho, dabbling in graphic design, and traveling to new places.