

# *Strengthening Families Training Institute*

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# Idaho Network of Children's Advocacy Centers

The mission of INCAC is to support local communities by promoting and assisting the growth and continuation of Children's Advocacy Centers in Idaho

# Idaho Chapter-INCAC

- o National Children's Alliance (NCA)
  - o Accrediting body, federal advocacy, funding, public relations, some training, technical assistance
- o Regional Child Advocacy Centers
  - o Enhanced training & technical assistance, funding
- o **State Chapters**
  - o **Work closely with regional and national organizations to promote the interests and needs of Idaho Child Advocacy Centers (CACs). Assist the centers with training and funding opportunities and support existing and emerging CACs. Work towards the goal of every child in Idaho having the opportunity to be served by a CAC.**
- o Local Centers
  - o Direct services to children, families, and facilitation of MDTs, Community Awareness & Prevention

# INCAC Members

Today: Idaho has **5** Accredited Child Advocacy Centers

- o Accredited by the National Children's Alliance (NCA)
- o CARES St. Luke's Boise
- o CARES St. Luke's Magic Valley- Twin Falls
- o Nampa Family Justice Center
- o Snake River Children's Advocacy Center- Idaho Falls
- o Bright Tomorrows Child Advocacy Center- Pocatello

# Developing Centers

- o Bear Lake Bright Tomorrows in Montpelier
- o North Idaho Children's Advocacy Center in Coeur d'Alene
- o Oneida Crisis Center in Malad

# What is a Child Advocacy Center?

- Children's Advocacy Centers provide a safe, child-friendly environment where law enforcement, child protection services, prosecution, and medical and mental health professionals can share information and develop effective coordinated strategies sensitive to the needs of each unique case and child.

# CACs provide an array of child-focused services including the following core components:

- o Specialized Forensic Interviewing
- o Medical Examinations
- o Mental Health Assessments and Treatment
- o Multidisciplinary Team Case Reviews
- o Comprehensive Advocacy Services

# Child Advocacy Center

- o Goals:
  - o To minimize trauma to children
  - o To enhance interagency coordination, communication, and cooperation
  - o To provide families with support and necessary referrals to community resources
  - o To conduct thorough evaluations
  - o To coordinate training needs for community professionals involved in child abuse.



# National Children's Alliance Standards for Accredited Members

- o Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)
- o Cultural Competency and Diversity Training
- o Forensic Interviews
- o Victim Support and Advocacy
- o Medical Evaluation
- o Mental Health
- o Case Review
- o Case Tracking
- o Organizational Capacity
- o Child Focused Setting

# Statewide Awareness Project

One

with courage™



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Are you the

**One** ?

[OneWithCourage.org](http://OneWithCourage.org)

- o **One with Courage** is Idaho Network of Children's Advocacy Center's (INCAC) statewide initiative centered around the courage it takes to talk about child sexual abuse.



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OneWithCourage.org

- o The eradication of child abuse begins with building informed, empowered communities with the courage to talk openly about this difficult issue. Child abuse — particularly child sexual abuse — has historically been a crime of secrecy. As high-profile cases capture media attention, social outrage continues to drive the conversation out of the shadows. Open conversation is the most effective tool we have to eradicate child abuse.

# One with Courage

- o Three simple strategies:
  - o Be the One With Courage who combats the secrecy that enables child abuse.
  - o Start the dialogue. Inspire others to talk openly.
  - o Recognize and report suspected abuse.



# “What can I do to be One with Courage?”

- o Learn the signs and symptoms of abuse.
- o Start a conversation with responsible family members, co-workers, other parents, teachers and coaches about what you have learned. If your workplace has a regular newsletter, ask for information on child abuse to be an educational topic in an upcoming publication.
- o Report abuse when it is suspected.
- o Share the One With Courage campaign with family members, friends or co-workers.
- o If you're a member of the media, assist in locating low cost print, radio, television, or outdoor advertising space for the One With Courage Campaign.
- o Contact your local CAC to see how you can help in the fight against child abuse in your community.
- o Like One With Courage on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.
- o Subscribe to NCA's newsletter.
- o Volunteer with your local CAC.
- o Serve on the board of your local CAC.
- o Donate to your local CAC.
- o Visit [www.onewithcourage.org](http://www.onewithcourage.org)



**Report Child Abuse and Neglect 24hrs a  
day to the Idaho Central Intake Unit**

**1-855-552-KIDS**



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