

# Bureau of Substance Use Disorders Update Idaho Regional Advisory Committees

October 2009

## Message from the Chief

The big news for October is the IDAPA Rule completion. A final negotiations meeting will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 1:00 via a webinar. The latest iteration of the IDAPA facility will be emailed to everyone on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the meeting. We will be looking at each section of the rule, discussing it and changing the language as needed. Three specific areas I anticipate we will concentrate on are:

- Case Management
- QSUDP
- Supervision staff

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<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/255494858>

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The other big news is we have begun the Qualified Profession (QP) determination project. Over the next few months we will be working with providers and clinicians in the field to certify QP's under current Rule. We anticipate that the list of all QP's will be up on the H&W website by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Watch the RAC websites for notification that the list is up.

If you have any questions on information provided in this newsletter, please feel free to contact me, Bethany Gadzinski, at 334-5756 or [gadzinsb@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:gadzinsb@dhw.idaho.gov)

## Budget

As many of you may have heard, the Governor has requested a budget holdback. For Health and Welfare, this is 3.3% of general funds. However, each program within H&W is looked at separately. Some will be cut more than others. At present, there has been no movement to cut the treatment or prevention services budget. This may change, but as of today we are ok. The Bureau of Substance Use Disorders has had to cut back on operating, however. This means staff will not be able to travel to RAC meetings. We will try and conference call in whenever possible.

## Adolescent Residential Treatment Providers

We want to take this time to inform you of an important change.

Effective July 01, 2009, requirements pertaining to alcohol/drug abuse treatment for children and adolescents were removed from IDAPA 16.06.02, "Rules Governing Standards for Child Care Licensing" and temporarily added to IDAPA 16.06.03, "Rules and Minimum Standards Governing Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Programs".

This change is part of the Bureau of Substance Use Disorders rulemaking process. It is anticipated that these temporary rules will be permanently incorporated into IDAPA 16.07.20, "Alcohol and Substance Use Disorders Treatment and Recovery Support Services and Facilities and Programs" as the rulemaking and approval process is completed. We anticipate that date to be May 01, 2010.

You may view these rules by clicking on 'Adolescent Residential Treatment Rules' at:

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/SubstanceUseDisorders/SUDTreatment/tabid/382/Default.aspx>

Please take note that in accordance with:

**IDAPA 16.06.03. 020. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. 05. Programs Serving Adolescents.**

(Section) c. Any alcohol/drug abuse treatment program which provides twenty-four (24) hour per day residential care as an alternative to parental care and outpatient treatment for persons under the age of eighteen (18) shall also be licensed under the Child Care Licensing Reform Act, Title 39, Chapter 12, Idaho Code.'

Simply put, this means that residential adolescent alcohol/drug abuse treatment providers must be both licensed as a Children's Residential Care Facility by the Child Care Licensing Unit and Certified by the Bureau of Substance Use Disorders.

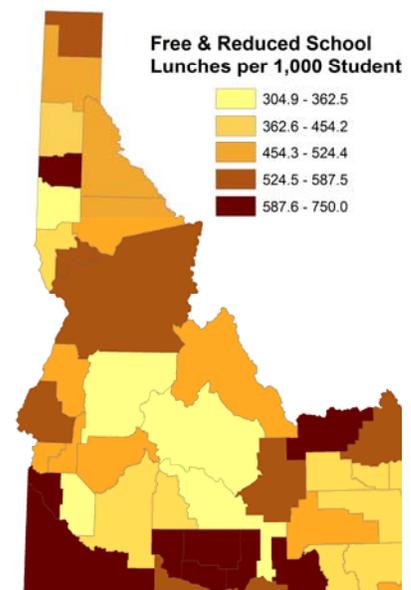
As much as possible, we intend to coordinate the two processes. The Bureau of Substance Use Disorders requires program Certification approval/renewal every two (2) years. Several months prior to renewal time, you will be sent a reminder. At least 30 days prior to the expiration of your current child care license, the Bureau of Substance Use Disorders will send you an application to complete in preparation for your certification renewal site visit. The Child Care Licensing Unit will contact you prior to the time for license renewal as they have in the past.

Please do not hesitate to contact Sherry Johnson if you have any questions. She can be reached at (208) 334-5934 or [johnsoS2@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:johnsoS2@dhw.idaho.gov).

## Data and Research

Eligibility enrollment for free and reduced school lunch is a leading economic indicator. Unlike unemployment, it directly assesses the economic condition of families, and as a result provides policy makers a great up-to-date tool to determine which communities may be in need.

Risk factors like this and others developed around Hawkins and Catalano's model are currently being used to drive prevention efforts at the Interagency Committee on Substance Abuse's Prevention Subcommittee.



## Prevention Services

The program is on track to support services in 42 counties in FY2010. Currently, thirty-two private and public agencies, twenty-three school districts, five coalitions and two tribes have been funded to deliver prevention services. They have contracted to provide 786 events and 1006 multi-session prevention programs and 100% of the activities and programs are evidence-based. This means that the prevention funds are invested in programming that has been proven to be effective with the population to be served. You can go to [www.preventionidaho.net](http://www.preventionidaho.net) and select the "Find Prevention Near You" option to learn about the prevention programs funded in your area.

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## Prevention Intervention Services

The Prevention Intervention pilot has completed a full year of delivering services to youth at risk. During FY 2009, 718 youth received services under this program. Six-month follow-ups with youth and parents indicate the program had a strong positive effective in their lives. Sixty percent indicated incidents of acting out in school had been reduced, seventy seven percent indicated their behavior had improved and legal problems had decreased and most telling, over ninety percent of the youth indicated they would recommend the program to a friend, Currently, five providers are delivering services in eight communities in Idaho. The Department has requested additional funding to expand this program.

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## GAIN/WITS

Target dates for when all active SUD clients will have to be entered into WITS will be reset to a future date, as part of a larger strategic plan being developed with representation from the provider community. Providers and authorized users will be given instructions, reimbursement rates and training as to how to accomplish this task in accordance with the larger strategic plan in advance of implementation dates.

Providers are expected to continue to increase the number of GAIN Assessments Administered on the GAIN ABS Website. Exceptions are:

- GAIN Site Interviewer Trainees who are to administer their GAIN Assessments on the Paper Version. Available on the DHW GAINWITS Website: <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/SubstanceUse/Disorders/WITSGAIN/tabid/781/Default.aspx>.
- Users administering the GAIN-I in locations where web access is unavailable!
- If an agency or authorized users is continuing to have difficulties accessing WITS and/or GAIN, they are encouraged to contact the WITSGAIN Helpdesk at [HDWITSGAIN@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:HDWITSGAIN@dhw.idaho.gov)

SUD will be contacting each user agency in the next couple of weeks to verify your Agency WITS Administrator preparatory to moving forward with technical training that will lead to a broader application of WITS functionality.

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