

# Family Directed Services Program Update Notification

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## Better Know Our Kiddos!

Our Case Coordinators serve families from all across the state of Idaho. As a result, we do not always have the opportunity to meet in person the children and families on our caseloads. We would like a picture of the child you serve/your child to keep with their file.

Are you a Support Broker? At your next meeting with the family, request permission from the family to submit a photo with the Support and Spending Plan.

Are you a parent/guardian? Please feel free to email your child’s Case Coordinator with a favorite snapshot of your kiddo!

\*No family should feel pressured to agree to photos if this makes you feel uncomfortable\*

\*Photos are for department/file use only and will not be shared\*

## What’s New in Paperwork?

### GUIDE CERTIFICATE AND AGREEMENT

The Guide Certificate is now combined with the Rights and Responsibilities/Agreement paperwork. This statement is now included on the back of the Agreement provided in Guide Training.

GUIDE CERTIFICATE			
This certifies that _____ the parent or legal guardian of _____ has completed training to understand his or her role, rights and responsibilities in Idaho Medicaid’s Family-Directed Services option and has learned the skills and resources to be able to direct his or her child’s services.			
_____	_____	_____	_____
Trainer	Date	Parent or Legal Guardian Signature	Date

### PROFILE PAGES

The Children’s DD team has implemented a new “profile page” to help families include their children in the Family Centered Planning Process. A child can fill out a profile page to help them be a part of the planning process in their words. These optional (although highly encouraged!) profile pages can be added to the Workbook completed by the parent. You can find these pages attached at the end of this Notification. Three profile pages were designed for age groups 3-8, 9-13, and 14-18 and are available in Spanish upon request.

These pages have been implemented by the Traditional Case Managers and have provided insight on how the child views their services.



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## Update Notification Schedule

The Update Notification is created to facilitate ongoing communication between Support Brokers, FDS Participants, and Case Coordinators regarding the FDS program. To maintain this communication, our goal is to create an Update Notification at least once every 3 months. Please feel free to share the link with support/advocacy/DD groups who could benefit from receiving ongoing information regarding FDS services.

## Do I need to use all of my budget?

No, next year’s budget amount does not depend on how much was used this year.

## Program Specialist for FDS

Please join us in welcoming Rachel Johnson as she begins in her new role as Program Specialist for Family Directed Services. Rachel comes to this position with several years experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities in both public and private sectors. Rachel will maintain her caseload until further notice and you can currently contact Rachel at Rachel.Johnson2@dhw.idaho.gov or 208-475-5094 or 208-334-0603.

## Children’s DD Services Enhancement Project

Idaho Medicaid received guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) about changes in Federal law that will require Idaho Medicaid to make changes in how Children’s Developmental Disabilities (DD) Services are offered. To assist in aligning with Federal law, Medicaid in collaboration with Family and Community Services (FACS) has established the Children’s DD Services Enhancement Project . To learn more about this project, please visit:

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/DevelopmentalDisabilities/ChildrensDDServices/ChildrensDDServicesEnhancementProject/tabid/3566/Default.aspx>



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My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am \_\_\_\_ years old.

What makes me happy:



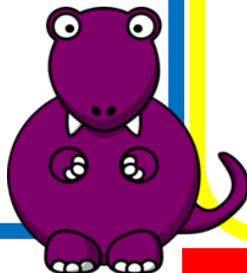
What makes me sad:



When I grow up I want to:



What I am good at:



What I want to be good at:



What people like and admire about me:

These are places I like to go; people I like to be around; and things I like to do:

What do I need help with and how can others help me?

a few of  
my  
favorites...

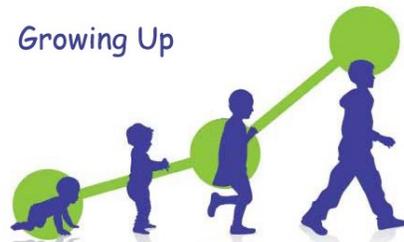


I have many  
gifts  
and  
talents.

What I don't like:



What I want my life to look like when I get older:



Other things I think people should know:

*About Me*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages 14-18



What people like and admire about me:

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What's Important to ME:

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How to Best Support ME:

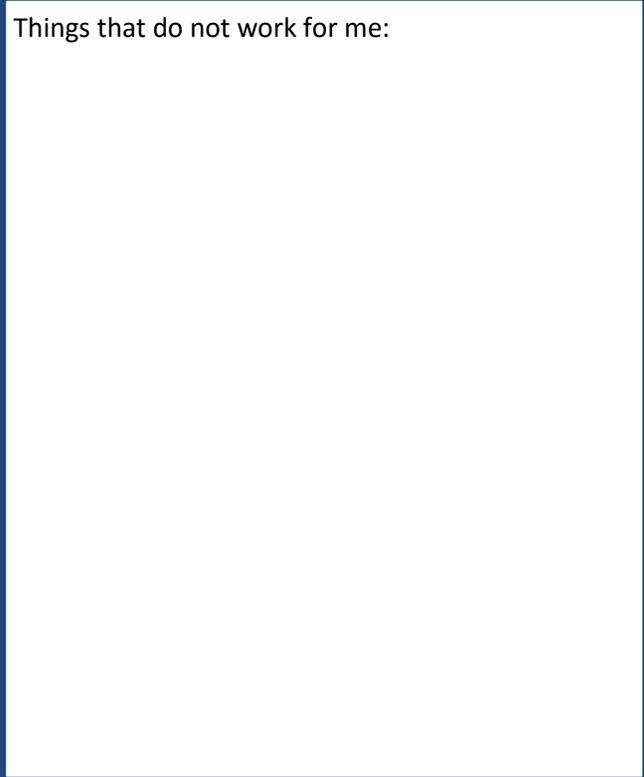
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Things that work for me:



Things that do not work for me:



**Vision for a GOOD LIFE**  
List what you want your 'good life' to look like.....

