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Foster Care

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Federal Program Monitoring

Indicator/ Programs	Citation	Supporting Documents and Resources	Y	N	NA	Findings, Actions Needed, Recommendations, Comments
PROG 4 ● I-A (revised)	<p style="text-align: center;">FOSTER CARE</p> <p>LEAs will:</p> <p>Designate a Point of Contact (POC) for Foster Care Liaison to the Health & Welfare Department (and notify State Department of Education). <i>The LEA POC may be the LEA McKinney-Vento Liaison.</i></p> <p>ESSA Section 1112 (c)(5)(A)</p> <p>Developed a current working Best Interest Determination process that evaluates the appropriateness of the current educational setting. ESSA sections 1111(g)(1)(E)(i) and 1112 (c)(5)</p> <p>Ensure that children in foster care who are in need of transportation to and from their schools of origin promptly receive such transportation using effective policies and procedures. ESSA section 1112 (c)(5)(B)(i)</p>	<p>Responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating with local CWAs to develop a process for implementing ESSA provisions <input type="checkbox"/> Leading development of best interest determination process <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitating the transfer of records and immediate enrollment and data sharing with CWAs <input type="checkbox"/> Written protocol for the foster care liaison role in the district <input type="checkbox"/> Developing and coordinating local transportation procedures <p>Resources are available on the Foster Care webpage.</p>				



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Foster Care

Yes	No	Strategy
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Designate staff personnel to be the Foster Care Liaison to work collaboratively with Idaho Health & Welfare representatives in making the best interest determination for a foster care student.
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Provide educational stability for students in foster care by keeping these students in their schools of origin, unless it is collaboratively determined to be in their best interest to change schools.
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Each foster care student is individually assessed on a case by case basis through a structured decision making process that includes the Local Education Agency (LEA) Foster Care Liaison, Idaho Health & Welfare Social Worker, pertinent school personnel, foster parent/guardian, and the student.
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Collaborate with Idaho Health & Welfare to ensure that transportation for students in foster care is provided, arranged, and funded.
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Ensure that a student in foster care is immediately enrolled in his or her new school even if the student does not have the required documentation. The enrolling school must contact the student's prior school for relevant records.
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Manage transportation and certify that student in foster care remains in his or her school of origin while disputes are being resolved.

Explain any strategies marked No

Guidance – MOU – ISDE & IDHW

GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOU BETWEEN IDHW AND ISDE FOR ESSA



Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
Family and Community Services



Guidance – MOU – ISDE & IDHW

I. Purpose

II. Notification & Identification of Transportation Plan

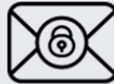
III. Funding & Reimbursement

Appendix 1 – Scenarios Guidance for IV – E Claims

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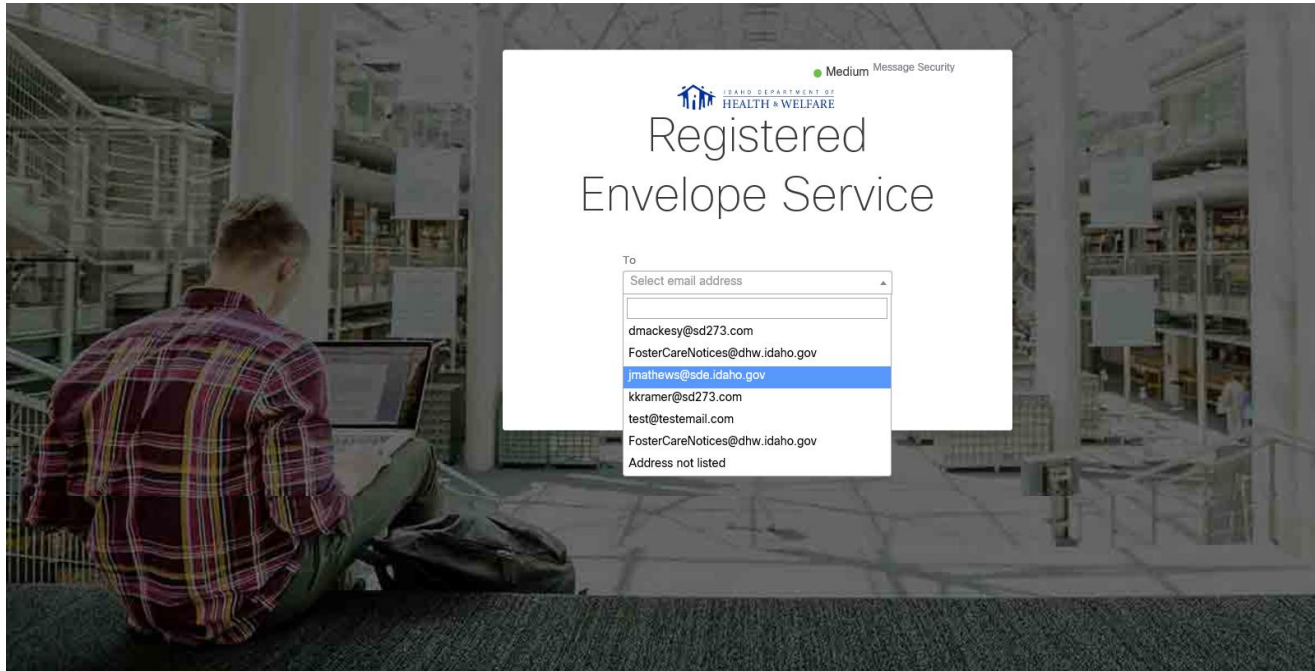
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Foster Care Notices <FosterCareNotices@dhw.idaho.gov>

09/14/2020 10:32:47 AM MDT

To: POST FALLS DISTRICT <dmackesy@sd273.com>, MULLAN TRAIL ELEMENTARY <kkramer@sd273.com>, Regional Chief of Social Work <test@testemail.com>, Foster Care Notices <FosterCareNotices@dhw.idaho.gov>, State liaison <jmathews@sde.idaho.gov>

CC: Foster Care Notices <FosterCareNotices@dhw.idaho.gov>

Date of entering foster care/placement change [REDACTED]

It is in the child's best interest to attend their school of origin: **No**

Transportation needed to maintain child in school of origin: **No**

The above-named child is in the custody of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW). This student is covered by the Every Student Succeeds Act. Students covered under this federal law have the right to attend and are entitled to transportation to their school of origin.

At this time, the child has been placed in the following foster care placement:

Child's Placement Name: [REDACTED]

Child Placement Address: [REDACTED] POST FALLS, Idaho [REDACTED]

Child placement phone [REDACTED]

The Department is committed to ensuring educational stability for students in their care and custody. The student's best interest considerations have been evaluated, and the Department has made an initial determination.

IDHW initial best interest determination justification: [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and this is their first time being enrolled in school. There is no school of origin for the children to remain at and, therefore, no transportation is needed from the foster parents' home to the school of origin.

If you have any questions or concerns about the initial best interest determination that has been made, please contact me via email utilizing the information below within a three-school calendar day timeframe. During the school breaks, a fourteen-calendar day timeframe (unless school resumes within that time frame) is allotted to provide input into the initial determination. If transportation arrangements are identified as a need to accommodate the initial determination, the process should be started immediately.

School Workers are responsible for enrolling all children in the State's custody. Recent legislation allows foster parents to make decisions regarding a child's routine participation in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural and school activities, such as after school activities and field trips. This includes signing permission slips. Additionally, while a child is in the custody of the Department, only IDHW personnel and the child's foster parents may pick-up or sign a child out unless other individuals have been approved by IDHW.

When report cards, IEPs, discipline notices, etc., are sent to the foster parent, please forward a copy to the Department at the email address below.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 208-665-8952 or by email at Alura.Black@dhw.idaho.gov. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Alura Black

Alura Black, Child Welfare Social Worker 2

Department of Health and Welfare

ESSA–Reply – Add Information – (5)

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Reply to All Recipients

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From: State liaison <jmathews@sde.idaho.gov>

To: Foster Care Notices | POST FALLS DISTRICT | MULLAN TRAIL ELEMENTARY | Regional Chief of Social Work

CC: Foster Care Notices

Subject: RE: sendsecure [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] CRM [REDACTED]

(none)

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-----Original Message:

From: Foster Care Notices <FosterCareNotices@dhw.idaho.gov>
To: POST FALLS DISTRICT <dmackeys@sd273.com>, MULLAN TRAIL ELEMENTARY <kkramer@sd273.com>, Regional Chief of Social Work <test@testemail.com>, Foster Care Notices <FosterCareNotices@dhw.idaho.gov>, State liaison <jmathews@sde.idaho.gov>
CC: Foster Care Notices <FosterCareNotices@dhw.idaho.gov>
Date: 09/14/2020 10:32:47 AM MDT
Subject: sendsecure - [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] CRM [REDACTED]

Date of entering foster care/placement change: [REDACTED]

It is in the child's best interest to attend their school of origin:

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ESSA–Reply – Add Information – (6)

Good afternoon,

Thank you for sending the notification. Below is the busing information in Power School:

Pickup Information:

PU Route: C60 SP CHS AM

PU Stop: 1440 N Locust Grove Rd [REDACTED]

PU Time: 06:50 AM (Late start Wednesdays it will be 15 minutes later)

Dropoff Information:

DO Route: C60 SP CHS PM

DO Stop: 1440 N Locust Grove Rd [REDACTED]

Do Time: 03:21 PM

If you have any questions, please contact the new West Ada School District foster care liaison, Asha Noel, noel.asha@westada.org.

Kindly,
Mirella Garcia
West Ada School District

-----Original Message:

From: Foster Care Notices <FosterCareNotices@dhw.idaho.gov>

To: "Hurley, Josie - Reg4" <Josie.Hurley@dhw.idaho.gov>, "Branahl,

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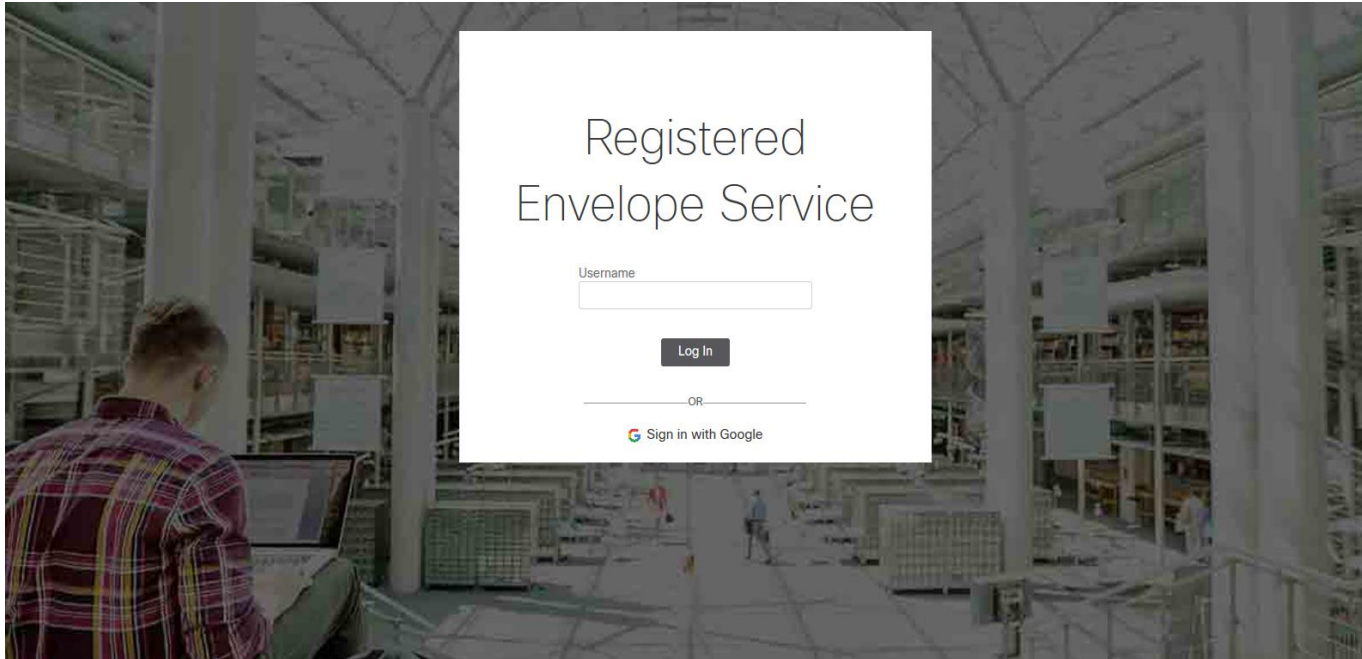
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District Foster Care Liaison

- Responsible for letter correspondence
- Transportation
- Needs/Services ARE provided

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H & W Regional Point of Contacts

REGIONAL CHILD WELFARE POINT OF CONTACTS

***REGION 1** – Maggie Morrison, Child Welfare Chief, Maggie.Morrison@dhw.idaho.gov
(208) 665-8970

***REGION 2** – Maggie Morrison, Child Welfare Chief, Maggie.Morrison@dhw.idaho.gov
(208) 665-8970
Kim Neely, Program Manager, Kimberly.Neely@dhw.idaho.gov
(208) 799-4340

***REGION 3** – Mike Dixon, Program Manager (INTERIM), Mike.Dixon@dhw.idaho.gov
(208) 455-7000

***REGION 4** – Kristen Nate, Child Welfare Chief, Kristen.Nate@dhw.idaho.gov
(208) 334-6800

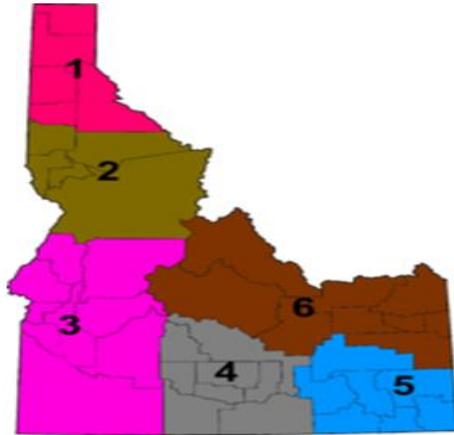
***REGION 5** – Pam Harris, Child Welfare Chief, Pam.Harris@dhw.idaho.gov
(208) 734-4000

***REGION 6** – Brian Plowman, Child Welfare Chief, Brian.Plowman@dhw.idaho.gov
(208) 239-6200

***REGION 7** – Shawn Sharp, Child Welfare Chief, Shawn.Sharp@dhw.idaho.gov
(208) 528-5900

Regional Comparison

COMPARISON OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND IDHW REGIONS



School District Boundaries



IDHW REGIONS

Jessica Baksis Foster Care Liaison Role



2024-2025 Foster Care Statistics



Received FC letter	Student	Date entered	Date exited school	School	Grade	Case Worker	Phone	Foster Parents	Phone	Special Services	Transportation
no		8/10/2024		BCMS	8	Kylie Van Jaarsveld	208-528-5941				Yes, bussing
yes		9/2/2024		HHS	11	Iris Cruz	208-782-2653				
no		9/9/2024		CD	3	Erika James	208-316-0645				
no		5/20/2024		LHS	11	Kylie Van Jaarsveld	208-528-5941				
no		5/20/2024		LHS	12	Kylie Van Jaarsveld	208-528-5941				
yes		8/7/2024		TRHS	10	Iris Cruz	208-782-2653				
no		5/31/2024		BCMS	8	Becky Kessinger	208-705-5963				
no		5/31/2024		TRHS	10	Becky Kessinger	208-705-5963				
yes		8/8/2024	8/26/2024	SMS	7	Josie Hurley	208-954-8393				
yes		7/30/2024	8/26/2024	HHS	10	Josie Hurley	208-954-8393				
no		5/20/2024		BCMS	7	Jackie Poel	208-850-5360				
no		8/1/2024		MV	4	Rachel Lara	208-559-8634			SpEd	
no		8/1/2024		SH	1	Heather Hazekamp	208-390-4742				
yes		3/21/2023		LHS	10	Shawna Lucht	208-590-8024				
no		7/30/2024		HHS	9	Stacy Pickens	208-250-3054				
no		7/31/2024	9/16/2024	HHS	8	Shantell Graham	208-220-7831			SpEd	
no		9/20/2024		SMS	8	Shantell Graham	208-220-7831				
no		6/3/2024	8/26/2024	Ammon	2	Evelyn Marroquin	208-455-7139				
no		6/3/2024	8/26/2024	Ammon							
no		8/8/2024		HHS	10	Kelly Shoplock	208-841-1835				
no		8/8/2024		SMS	7						
no		8/8/2024		HHS	11	Elizabeth Fehringer	208-705-4886				
no		8/14/2024		SMS	8	Kylie Van Jaarsveld	208-528-5941				
no		8/1/2024		SMS	7	Heather Blair	208-334-0913			SpEd	Yes, bussing
no		8/8/2024		SMS	7	Heather Blair	208-334-0913				
no		8/14/2024		TB	4	Collin Newman	208-705-5942				Yes, bussing
no		8/14/2024		SH	2	Collin Newman	208-705-5942				
no		6/5/2024	8/12/2024	Ucon	6	Gracie Rumsey	208-359-4766				
no		5/29/2024	8/26/2024	RMS	7						
no		5/29/2024		HHS	9	Becky Kessinger	208-705-5963				
no		7/30/2024	8/26/2024	SMS	7	Heather Blair	208-334-0913			ELL	
no		8/8/2024		BW	1	Travis Bell	208-251-5258			SpEd	
no		5/26/2024		BW	7						
no		6/5/2024		RMS	3						
no		6/5/2024		BW	3						
no		6/5/2024		HHS	12	Michelle Polmanteer	208-659-5865				
no		8/2/2024		HHS	11	Tristan Martin	208-490-4818			SpEd	
no		6/28/2024		HHS	9	Becky Kessinger	208-705-5963			SpEd	

Bethany McDonald and Kristen Nate Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

Bethany McDonald, State ESSA Liaison

Kristen Nate, Child Welfare Chief, Region 4



Autum Ferris

Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

Autum Ferris, Child Welfare Specialist, Safety and Independent Living

Independent Living Program

Eligibility information, training, resources, and more



Brainstorm – Strengthening Practices



- What areas are you struggling with...
 - Transportation?
 - Funds?
 - Communication?
 - ESSA letters?
 - Additional training?

CONTACT INFORMATION



- Update Contact Information!
- Foster Care Liaison – email & phone number
- Name of each school building principal
- Email of each school building principal
- Physical address of each school building

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