

Negotiated Rulemaking Meeting and Comment Summary

July 16, 2026, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM (MT)

Negotiated Rulemaking DOCKET NO. 16-0601-2601

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Facilitator: Andie Blackwood, Child Welfare Program Manager, Policy and Program Development

1. Welcome

- a. This is the date and time scheduled to conduct negotiated rulemaking for IDAPA Chapter 16.06.01, Family and Children's Services. The time is 1:30 pm (MT) on July 16, 2026
- b. Please sign in through the chat, including your name and email address
- c. This meeting is being recorded as required by Idaho Statute and all written comments in the chat will be included with the final submission
- d. During today's call we will review proposed updates to this chapter and ask for your feedback as well as your recommendations. Please note that we are unable to negotiate changes to rules that are specific to state or federal code.

2. Introduction of other Department Staff

- a. Andie Blackwood, Bureau Chief
- b. Julie Sevcik, Program Manager
- c. Estela Cabrera, Transparency Coordinator
- d. Monty Prow, Deputy Director
- e. Nino Duran, Program Specialist Technician

3. Participants

- a. Nikki Gardner
- b. Nanea Adams, Idaho Voices

4. Purpose of meeting

- a. Due to changes in statute over the last two legislative sessions updates were made to rule to comply with statute.
- b. Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to dhwrules@dhw.idaho.gov and must be delivered on or before July 22, 2026.

5. Comments/Discussion

Comments	Responses
No comments were provided.	

6. Closing Summary

- a. Upon conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking, any unresolved issues, all key issues considered, and conclusion reached during the negotiated rulemaking will be addressed in a written summary. The summary will be made available to interested persons on the agency website.
- b. Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to dhwrules@dhw.idaho.gov and must be delivered on or before July 22, 2026.

Note: Currently, any updates agreed upon today and those recommendations requiring further research and legal direction are under review. The second iteration of these rules will be posted during the proposed rulemaking phase.