



SHARED HORIZONS

Idaho Interstate Compact for Juveniles State Council

October 7, 2026
10:00 am – 11:17 am MST

Microsoft Teams Meeting

[Meeting Link](#)

Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections Headquarters
11351 W Chinden Blvd, Boise 83714

Attendees:				
Shawn Hill, Chair, Director Bingham County Probation Services	☒	Darin Burrell, Director Fremont County Probation	☒	Shane Boyle, Administrator 3B Juvenile Detention Center
Ashley Dowell, Director Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	☒	Honorable Cathleen Macgregor Irby, Magistrate Judge Ada County Court	☐	
Brandy Simmons, Juvenile Probation Officer Twin Falls County	☒	Mark Bell, Assistant Director Nez Perce Justice Services	☒	
Bryan Alexander, Director Kootenai County Juvenile Probation	☒	Rep. Marco Erickson Idaho State Representative	☒	
Dahlia Stender, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Washington County	☒	Scott Peterson, Deputy Prosecutor Jefferson County	☒	

Ex Officio Attendees:		Invited Guest:		Speakers on Agenda:	
Leahann Romero, COPS Administrator Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	☒	Angela Beeson, Director of Victim Services Twin Falls County Prosecutor's Office	☒	Sam Graefe, Program Specialist Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	☒
Paul Shepherd, Court Programs & Services Administrator Idaho Supreme Court	☒	Audrey McKay, Program Manager POST and Interstate Compact for Juveniles, IDJC	☒	Jen Baer, Interstate Coordinator Idaho Interstate Compact for Juveniles	☒
	☐	Jessalyn Hopkin, Deputy Public Defender Idaho State Public Defender's Office	☒	Chad Jacobs, Program Specialist Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	☒
	☐	Tommy Proctor, Program Specialist Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children	☒		☐

Purpose	Subject	Owner
Call to Order	Chair Shawn Hill called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. MST.	Shawn Hill, Chair
Roll Call	Roll call was conducted by Sam Graefe. Council members, ex officio members, guests, and presenters were recorded as reflected on the meeting attendance roster.	Sam Graefe



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	Paul Shepherd joined the meeting at 10:14 a.m.	
Discussion	Celebrations and Introductions Leahann Romero recognized former ICJ Program Manager Anne Connor for her contributions to the Interstate Compact program and welcomed Audrey McKay as the new POST and Interstate Compact for Juveniles Program Manager, providing a brief overview of her background and experience.	Leahann Romero, Audrey McKay
Action Item	Chair Shawn Hill called for discussion regarding the April 15, 2026, meeting minutes. Hearing none: Motion: Approve the April 15, 2026, meeting minutes. Moved by: Darin Burrell Seconded by: Marco Erickson Vote: Motion passed unanimously.	Shawn Hill, Chair
Action Item	The Council considered the appointment of three prospective members: Angela Beeson, Director of Victim Services, Twin Falls County Prosecutor's Office Audrey McKay, POST and Interstate Compact for Juveniles Manager Jessalyn Hopkin, Trial Attorney, Idaho State Public Defender's Office The Council agreed to consider all appointments as a single action item. Motion: Approve the appointments as presented. Moved by: Darin Burrell Seconded by: Ashley Dowell A roll-call vote was conducted. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.	Shawn Hill, Chair
Discussion	Welcome New Members Sam Graefe formally welcomed the newly appointed members and provided a brief introduction of each. The Chair expressed appreciation and welcomed them to the Council.	Sam Graefe
Activity	Virtual Activity Sam Graefe facilitated an introductory activity and asked participants to share an experience that had shaped their perspective. Members volunteered personal anecdotes and observations as part of the discussion.	Sam Graefe
Discussion	Members Update	Leahann Romero



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	Leahann Romero informed the Council that former members Carissa Decker and Jennifer Zielinski had departed the Council for other professional opportunities. Letters of appreciation were sent recognizing their service and contributions.	
Discussion	ICJ Annual Business Meeting Update Shawn Hill, Audrey McKay, and Leahann Romero provided a report on the 2026 Interstate Commission for Juveniles Annual Business Meeting. Discussion included: • Positive feedback regarding the organization and collaboration of the conference. • Training and professional development opportunities available through national ICJ committees. • National resources available to support youth and families. • Updates from national committees including Compliance, Rules, Technology, Training, and Racial Diversity initiatives. • Information regarding the upcoming rulemaking cycle and opportunities for participation. • Ongoing national work concerning the return of non-delinquent runaway youth. Audrey McKay volunteered to participate in the Rules and Training Committees, and Shawn Hill expressed interest in serving on the Rules Committee. The meeting recessed at approximately 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:51 a.m.	Shawn Hill, Audrey McKay, Leahann Romero
Discussion	Compliance Update Leahann Romero presented the compliance report and advised that Idaho achieved 100% compliance during the first and second quarters of 2026. Highlights included: Timely submission of Home Evaluations. 100% timely submission rate for Quarterly Progress Reports. 100% compliance with Violation Report requirements. Discussion recognized the collaborative efforts of local stakeholders, implementation of internal deadlines, and technical assistance provided by the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. Council members expressed appreciation to the ICJ staff and stakeholders for their efforts in achieving and maintaining compliance. Ashley Dowell noted her appreciation for the collective work that contributed to Idaho's improved compliance performance.	Leahann Romero



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Discussion	Current Trends and Training Opportunities Audrey McKay and Jen Baer provided an overview of current trends and training opportunities relevant to Interstate Compact stakeholders.	Audrey McKay, Jen Baer
Discussion	2027 Training Day Sneak Peak Sam Graefe presented a preview of the 2027 Training Day program, including a video introduction from planned presenters. Discussion included: Alignment of the training curriculum with needs identified through stakeholder surveys. Importance of in-person attendance for the 2027 annual training event. Plans for one in-person Council meeting and one virtual Council meeting during 2027.	Leahann Romero, Sam Graefe
Discussion	2027 ICJ Meeting Dates The Council discussed proposed 2027 meeting dates. Key discussion points included: • The April 21, 2027, meeting will be held in person. • The fall meeting will be conducted virtually. • Opportunities to provide Interstate Compact training and updates through professional associations and partner organizations. • The value of sharing information regarding state compliance responsibilities and implementation challenges. IDJC staff agreed to coordinate with interested partners regarding future training opportunities.	Shawn Hill, Leahann Romero
Adjournment	Closing/Meeting Adjourned Motion: Adjourn the meeting. Moved by: Darin Burrell Seconded by: Ashley Dowell Vote: Motion passed unanimously. Chair Shawn Hill adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.	Shawn Hill, Chair