**Idaho Caregiver Alliance Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025: 1:00 – 4:00 pm, MDT**

**Location:** Join Zoom Meeting: <https://boisestate.zoom.us/j/94879471798?pwd=DCfeGwQdL0OBm4uOX2bdXFWeRs2NRM.1>

**Vision*:*** *Family caregivers and the people they care for are recognized, valued, and supported in Idaho.*

**Mission*:*** *To serve as the voice, convener, and catalyst for support of unpaid family caregivers across the lifespan.*

**Values*:*** *Collaboration, communication, inclusiveness and capacity building for family caregivers.*

**NOTES**

| **Time** | **Activity** |
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| *Attendees* | Sarah T. (ICA), Quetzal C. (ICA), Jennifer N. (ICA), Edwina W. (ICA), Sheila W. (FCN), Adrian R. (FCN), Jennifer G. (FCN), Thais Lacar (IDHW ADRD), Sarah Weber (IDHW ADRD), Heidi Smith (IDHW 211/Navigation/Kinship), Caleb Batchelor (Care Coordinator with Blue Cross of Idaho), Marilyn Sword (ICA Alumna), Kristen Tracey (Blue Cross Idaho), Mercedes Muñoz (Alzheimer’s Association/Greater Idaho Chapter), Lisa Underwood (Aging Strong), Lynn Fynes (ICOA), Ann Harrild (SEICOG Pocatello/AAA POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS), Mike Hirschi (SICOG), Pam Oliason (ICA Alumna), Yvette Primero (Molina Healthcare of Idaho), Denise Myler (Advocate), Tiffany Burg (Community Member), Kimberly Ouwehand (?), Mary Spears (MyPlaces)  \*Many unable to join due to national Zoom outage. |
| 1:00 pm  *All* | ***WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & HOUSEKEEPING***   * [***LINK***](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vx6SiGKrvJdLmaU-_yriOdOOADg5oJlj/view?usp=drive_link) to minutes of 1/15/2025 meeting * Please put your name, organization, email, and zip code in Chat * **Links to ZOOM ICA quarterly meetings will be shared in the monthly newsletter and can be found on the ICA website**    + <https://idahocaregiveralliance.com/get-involved/> |
| 1:10 pm  *Sarah Toevs*  *Christine Pisani*  *Lynn Fyanes*  *Sheila Weaver*  *Everyone* | ***UPDATES FROM MEMBERS***   * Navigating changes at the state and federal level   + Christine Pisani, Idaho Developmental Disability Council     - Public forum in       * Salmon - Salmon Valley Senior Center, 5/9 from 2:00-4:00 PM ([LINK](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16uCDSGBoaR6M-SXMrgA_4oCkO0zx1OHM/view?usp=sharing))       * Hailey - Town Center West, 5/7 from 4:00-6:00 PM ([LINK](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1opjhmzD5v_mXi9XQCguSrLSpT2kN9VGl/view?usp=sharing))       * Mountain Home - Mountain Home Public Library, 5/5 from 4:00-6:00 PM ([LINK](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jRytpPtUYwiQzZtHbwU1wACClV1UAc1m/view?usp=sharing))     - The Idaho DD Council is collecting information from people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Family members through the two surveys below:       * Are you a person with an intellectual or developmental disability or a family member of a child or adult with an intellectual or developmental disability? Please [**click here**](https://idaho-dd-council.limequery.com/978592?lang=en) to complete a survey to let us know what the Council should work on in 2027-2031.       * ¿Es usted una persona con una discapacidad intelectual o del desarrollo o padre de un niño o adulto con una discapacidad intelectual o del desarrollo? Por favor, [**haga clic aquí**](https://idaho-dd-council.limequery.com/978592?lang=es) para completar una encuesta para hacernos saber en qué debería trabajar el Consejo en 2027-2031.   + Lynn Fyanes, Idaho Commission on Aging     - ICOA State Plan 2024-2028 caregiver objectives:       * Developing caregiver infrastructure (Track through management information system)       * Increase coordination of caregiver support networks across the state and participate in lifespan support       * Align with the RAISE ACT goal by:         + Promoting state workshops         + Touching base with workplaces         + Increase caregiver self-identification       * Establish coordination with IDHW’s Grand and Kinship families. Working with kinship care and grand families       * Working with advancing states, cross-state collaboratives for recruitment and retention of the direct care workforce       * Increase family caregiver recognition and support with an emphasis on technology to reduce isolation and loneliness       * Supporting the ADRD Alliance strategic goals   + 988 Awareness     - Receiving calls regarding the police shooting in Pocatello. Highlights the need to educate individuals that 988 is a crisis intervention line.     - Police trainings are still occurring, following passing of SB 1247 ([link](https://legislature.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sessioninfo/2024/legislation/S1247.pdf)), article ([link](https://www.idahopress.com/news/local/idaho-house-committee-passes-bill-to-create-emergency-holds-for-dementia-other-disorders/article_fd1cc682-e625-11ee-9d38-174cb72f392b.html))     - Ada County has a vulnerable person registry - Dispatch lets responding officers know if a person who is registered has Autism, dementia, etc. ([LINK](https://adacounty.id.gov/sheriff/safety/vulnerable-population-registry/))   + Idaho Parents Unlimited   + Information from Foster Care Program     - Idaho House Bill 245 allows the department to create a separate licensing process for relative and kin to make this easier     - More details to come     - Bill allows extended care for youth aging out of the foster care system & allows the department to establish separate licensing components.     - Idaho has become 8th state to extend foster system up to age 23   + Looking forward to 2026 Idaho Legislative Session     - $1000 tax credit for family caregivers     - Please share your story with local elected officials * Please reach out to ICA when you hear about changes or updates   + ICA email: [idahocaregiveralliance@gmail.com](mailto:idahocaregiveralliance@gmail.com)   + Phone: 208-426-5899 * FPCS Update from Nathan Hill:   + Due to the communication freeze, CMS has not made a decision on IDHW's amendment request to terminate FPCS. CMS issued a temporary extension of the current 1115 waiver that extends the waiver (with FPCS) until September 30, 2025. CMS intends to make a decision by this date on the request to close FPCS and renew the waiver without the FPCS component.   + CMS is currently accepting comments regarding IDHW's 1115 waiver renewal request which specifies that the waiver will no longer have the FPCS component. Comments are accepted through April 25th, please encourage everyone to submit their comments.   + The DOJ is interested in the FPCS closure and requesting complaints from families of children and adults with disabilities regarding the issue.   + While our draft bill to keep FPCS going was too late to make it into session, we are actively refining it for a more comprehensive program to better serve participants with diverse levels of need. We have great support from our legislators and will be ready for next session.   + Letter from CMS to IDHW, 5/31/2025 ([LINK](https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demonstrations/downloads/id-behavioral-health-transformation-cms-tmpry-extn-aprvl-03312025.pdf)) * National Alliance on Caregiving - Update on Medicaid Cuts and Their Impact on Family Caregivers ([LINK](https://caregiving.quorum.us/campaign/SaveMedicaidNow/)) * Yvette: Molina completed a 4-week roadshow through Idaho on Medicaid/Medicare dual health plan. Molina is available to assist community members during transition ([LINK](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JtZ4FvQuc4kZQJLmoe9fvzbr68ZIvli2?usp=sharing)) |
| 1:40 pm  *Marilyn Sword* | ***KEEPING THE VOICE OF FAMILY CAREGIVERS LOUD AND CLEAR IN TIMES OF CHANGE***   * We join you in these times of change and ICA is also evolving. - [***LINK***](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1kMKRZFdzcnHOZF5AoV6MMTqVx534MDL_Aoynsnk3wtE/edit?usp=sharing) * ***From your perspective, how can we best do this?***    + We have reserved this time to hear your concerns, your needs, and what opportunities you see on the horizon.     - Denise Myler - FCN and continued outreach to the Spanish community and growth of Hispanic outreach. Need for a local presence for Hispanic outreach in SE Idaho.       * Yvette Primero - Molina is providing Caregiver support in Eastern Idaho. Interested in partnering w/local community partners       * Yvette has connected with Maria Alvarez with Conectate in SE Idaho: involved in Latino and disability communities. Maria Alvarez, Conéctate, 208-200-8003     - Mercedes - Supporting other organizations and providing them with more resources (EX: Las Senoras)     - Heidi Smith - FCN     - Pam - FCN + Sustaining partnership and support of ICA members, stakeholders, and community organizations (e.g., supporting/elevating the work of ICOA)     - Mike - Advocacy for caregivers across the lifespan     - Advocacy in general     - Yvette - The support FCN gives to partner agencies with education for caregivers such as at conferences and during events with presentations that focus on the caregiver experience. |
| 2:10 pm  *Sarah Toevs* | ***2023 LIFESPAN RESPITE GRANT (funds released in 2025)***   * Initial work plan for Year 1 (January -July 31, 2025) * Update strategic plan   + Statewide Caregiver Survey     - Last conducted in 2014     - Data collection has been completed.     - Highlights: Focus on caregiver demographics, reached caregivers in each district, expanded respite care access, mental health support due to burnout, and financial support.     - Completed and shared by end of July 2025.   + Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats Assessment with key partners * Learning Opportunities (conferences and Pop-up) |
| 2:20 pm  *Sheila Weaver*  *Adrian Rodriguez*  *Jennifer Glenn*  *Edwina French* | ***FAMILY CAREGIVER NAVIGATOR 2.0***   * Evaluation infographics   + [***LINK***](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_G_x9yWJuoh5t8dePzg-Wv2OyD7yp2pP/view?usp=drive_link) to FCN By the Numbers |
| 2:30 pm  *Sheila Weaver*  *Jennifer Glenn* | ***ICA Pop-Up Event, Wednesday June 11, 2025***   * Helping the Helper - Compassion Fatigue and Caregiving * Speakers: Sheila Weaver, LCSW & Jennifer Glenn, LSW * [***LINK***](https://idahocaregiveralliance.com/pup-up-events/) to website; [***LINK***](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJxk0dmjVrDYDrmW4vjmuqDcrJ25OhUE4Z5aaMBf7Bm5rnwg/viewform) to registration; [***LINK***](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eNFG3c8zFNxx59lmSKgEaO-Esj6zNCBu/view?usp=drive_link) to flyer |
| 2:45 pm | ***BREAK (10 minutes)*** |
| 2:55 pm  *Sarah Toevs*  *Sheila Weaver*  *Edwina French*  *Adrian Rodriguez* | **NEW $50,000 AWARD from Cambia Health Foundation - Kinship Connections: Strengthening Support Networks and Raising Awareness for Kinship Caregivers.**   * May 2025 - October 2026 * Priority actions:   + Formation of an Idaho Kinship Collaborative (ID-KC), outreach to kinship caregivers to engage them in the Family Caregiver Navigator (FCN) program   + Community and school focused initiatives to increase visibility of kinship families and available resources.     - How can we help these families recognize the available supports?     - Hoping to build connections with schools and their relationships with families.       * Plan to work with United Way       * Mercedes - offer incentives to schools that decide to work with ICA on this project.   **Generations United - Bridging Systems Project - Working Across Systems Technical Assistance -** [***LINK***](https://www.gksnetwork.org/events/bridging-systems-for-kinship-families/)   * Sponsor - Generations United/ Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network, [www.GKSNetwork.org](http://www.gksnetwork.org/) **|** [www.gu.org](http://www.gu.org/) **|** [www.grandfamilies.org](http://www.grandfamilies.org/) * Timeline: 2 year initiative (ends June, 2026) * Idaho One-Pager - [***LINK***](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZPyc04ysUNll9TLnTvxLnwOlR6A1rtdF/view?usp=drive_link) * A systems change initiative guided by three goals:  1. Map Assets (expected completion: May, 2025) 2. Engage Community (expected completion: October, 2025) 3. Streamline Supports (expected completion: December, 2025)  * Will have 4 resources ready for distribution by Fall, 2025   + Updated GU Idaho GrandFacts Sheet   + Educational/Awareness flyer on Kinship   + IDHW 211 Kinship Resource Flyer   + Idaho “Who are Kinship families?” video   **Community Catalyst**   * Received grant to work with Hispanic caregivers   + Currently in the second year of the grant   + Grant will continue until September * Soapbox was a success at the Spanish conference.   + Included topics where caregivers and community leaders can engage in and provided opportunities to share their story   + Will have video by the end of May * Collecting stories for caregiver advocacy.   + For Organizational Partners: What inspires you as a public health advocate? ([***LINK***](https://stories.communitycatalyst.org/question/as-a-health-justice-advocate-what-or-who-inspires-you))     - Adrian example ([***LINK***](https://stories.communitycatalyst.org/video/6750b806aa7946f520d8812a))   + For Caregivers: Share your caregiver story. ([***LINK***](https://stories.communitycatalyst.org/question/think-back-to-a-time-when-you-were-providing-care)) |
| 3:15 pm  *Adrian Rodriguez*  *Quetzal Castaneda*  *Aine Brain* | ***Legislative Session Wrap-Up***   * [***LINK***](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19HVOrmf135--ViipLldt5O07wgXuuAAd5YUOHK1CyEY/edit?usp=sharing) to Legislative Overview * [***LINK***](https://idahocaregiveralliance.com/legislative-updates/) to Weekly Legislative Newsletters |
| 3:35 pm  *Jennifer Nguyen*  *Adrian Rodriguez* | ***SUCCESSFUL 2025 ICA CONFERENCES***  **14th Annual - Power of Care: Strength in Community**   * Virtual Main Conference   + Conference Overview (2/22/2025)     - 216 attendees (caregivers and speakers)     - 29 speakers     - 15 sessions   + [***LINK***](https://idahocaregiveralliance.com/caregiverconference/) to website, recordings, presentation slides   + Announce winner of gift card raffle * In-Person Spanish Conference in Nampa (3/29/2025)   + Conference Overview     - 60 attendees     - 11 speakers     - 3 sessions     - Respite for roughly 12-16 children/care receivers   + [***LINK***](https://idahocaregiveralliance.com/hispanic-family-caregiver-conference/) to website * [***LINK***](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QJMlBMp2rLv36mjqE0-vxxmKBB54WAUb/view?usp=sharing) to conference infographic (participant survey) |
| 3:50 pm  *All*  **Opportunity for members to announce upcoming meetings, trainings or events** | ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***   * April is **Care Workers Month** * June 11 - ICA Pop-Up Event: Helping the Helper - Compassion Fatigue and Caregiving - [***LINK***](https://idahocaregiveralliance.com/pup-up-events/) * June 14 - The Caregiver Puzzle: Understanding the Pieces, Twin Falls, 9:00am-3:00 pm,[**LINK**](https://www.facebook.com/TheCollegeofSouthernIdahoFoundation/posts/the-csi-office-on-aging-is-excited-to-announce-a-caregiver-conference-to-be-held/1061995712629291/) to Facebook page * Stay tuned for future ICA events on our website - [***LINK***](https://idahocaregiveralliance.com/projects-and-events/) * **Upcoming 2025 ICA Quarterly Meetings: July 16 & Oct 15** * Mary Spears: 7th Annual All Abilities Carnival. Wednesday, May 28th, Expo Idaho (Glenwood/Chinden)   + Open for sponsors and booths! |
| 4:00 pm | ***ADJOURN*** |