



post adoption **PARENT GUIDE**

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Hello Families,

It's hard to believe we're already in summer. We hope that you and your family are preparing for a fun-filled summer. In this newsletter you will find resources, information, training, and fun summer events for your family.

Please reach out via email at **id-adoptsupport@riseservicesinc.org** or 208-252-6117. We look forward to answering questions and working with your family.

Visit our website



Who Is RISE?

RISE, Inc is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1987. RISE provides a range of services to adults, children, and families in Utah, Oregon, Arizona, Texas, and Idaho.

RISE provides services such as foster care, after-school and summer programs, early intervention, mental health therapy, behavioral supports, respite, and disability services. RISE, Inc. recently acquired the Idaho chapter formally known as Community Partnerships of Idaho.

UPDATES



Post Permanency Staff Update



This month, we are happy and excited to welcome Whitney, our new case manager, to our team!

Whitney is a Licensed Social Worker who completed her undergraduate degree at Boise State University in 2018. Whitney is currently attending Boise State University for her Master's in Social Work. Whitney has worked in a variety of settings serving youth, families, and individuals with developmental disabilities through the past 15 years.

Whitney enjoys spending her free time with family and friends, barbecuing, traveling, hockey, DIY projects and is a Harry Potter enthusiast.

"It matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be." — J.K. Rowling, **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**

Grant Update



We have good and bad news.

The good news is that RISE has been actively working to get grant funding available to families in our Post Permanency services throughout the past year. The bad news--we've maxed out all the grant funding for this fiscal year. At this time, we've been informed that submissions of grants will be placed on hold.

But rest assured, beginning July 1, 2022 the grant will be renewed. If your family is still needing assistance via a grant, we will submit them for review by the department on or after July 1, 2022. We appreciate your understanding and if you have questions, please let us know. If you need to speak with our Program Supervisor, Jacqueline Shafer, she is happy to answer any questions. Please use the contact information above to reach our department.

NATIONAL OBSERVATIONS

Father's Day



During June, there are several important days that are celebrated as a way to honor the men in our lives who are fathers or have stepped up to stand in filling the role of being a fatherly figure to the children in their lives.

Father's Day is honored on June 19 this year. Annually, it falls on the third Sunday of June. Thank you for continuing to lay the foundation for your children. When we think of the definition of a father, there is not one single way to define fathers. When we think of fathers, we see that they are here to give and share love, nurture, provide, and contribute to the development of their child(ren) in a nonjudgmental and fair way as well as to create a united family where the children are all loved and nurtured. Every father has their own story, whether you are a father by birth, adoption, or even step, you are a key player in the life of the children you are involved in.

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." — Unknown

"Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs. The ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what." — Unknown

National Reunification Month

National Reunification Month is celebrated in June of each year to recognize the people and efforts around the country that help families stay together. It is also a time to celebrate the families who have

JUNE IS NATIONAL REUNIFICATION MONTH!

Did you know?

- Reunification is the most common outcome of foster care.
- The reunification rate in Idaho (fiscal year 2020) was approximately 65%
- Resource parents have an important role as a support to birth families in the process.

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overcome obstacles to providing a safe and loving home for their children, and are able to reunify after their child was placed in the child welfare system.

Webinar

The American Bar Association (ABA) is hosting a Webinar focusing on Supporting Families through Reunification and Beyond. Read more about the description of the training and **[register here](#)**.

Each year, during the month of June, we observe National Reunification Month too:

1. Celebrate the accomplishments and hard work of families who have overcome difficulties to reunify with their children.
2. Recognize the vital role that other family members, social workers, caregivers, service providers, attorneys, courts, etc., play in helping to reunify, strengthen, and support families.
3. Inspire other parents that it is possible to address and resolve the issues that led to their separation and to reunify with their children.

Foster care is intended to be temporary, and the primary goal for children in foster care is to be reunified with their family. Reunification is the most common permanency outcome and the route by which most children exit foster care. The path to reunification takes work, commitment, and investment of time and resources not only by the parents but also by family members, social workers, foster parents, service providers, courts, and the community. Reunification should be the shared goal of the team walking alongside a family separated by foster care. Please join us as we explore four key areas that support successful and lasting reunification:

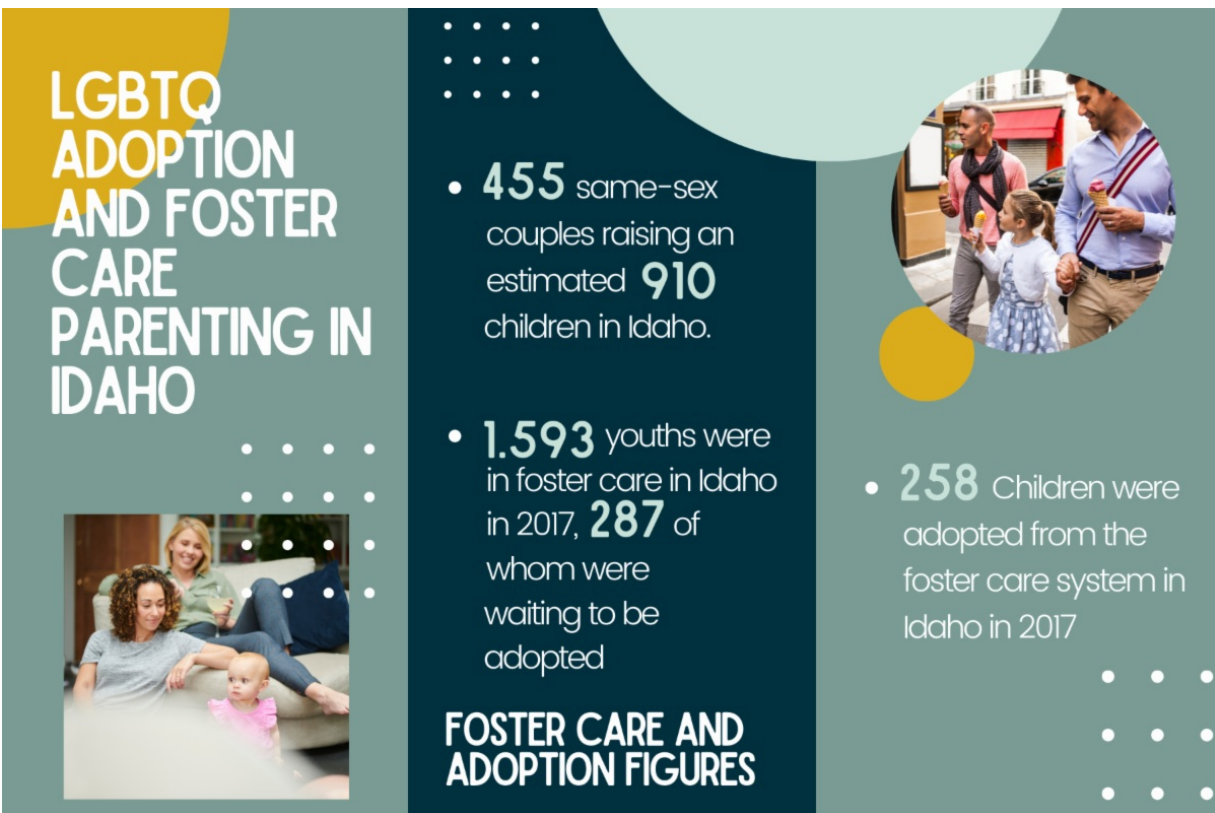
Family Team Meetings (Building a Team): A family team meeting (FTM) is a tool for engagement used to assist a family in achieving safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes and sustainable family changes. This meeting includes family members and their informal support system, service providers, community representatives, the caseworker/manager, and others to offer collaborative planning that is effective and meaningful. Participants will learn how this process supports successful reunification for families.

Pride Month



LGBT Pride Month occurs in the United States to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which occurred at the end of June 1969. As a result, many pride events are held during this month to recognize the impact LGBT people have had in the world. Two presidents of the United States have officially declared a pride month.

Nickelodeon recently published an article exploring ideas and tips on ways to celebrate Pride month with your kids! Enjoy and happy reading. To learn more about this tool, visit **Ways to Celebrate Pride Month With Your Kids**.



FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION LAWS

- Idaho law allows any adult to petition to adopt. Idaho Code Ann. § 16-1501. There are no state regulations that explicitly prohibit LGBTQ individuals from petitioning to adopt.
- State law provides that a husband and wife may petition to adopt jointly. Idaho Code Ann. § 16-503. Because marriages of same-sex couples are now recognized nationwide, same-sex spouses should be able to adopt jointly.



- In 2014, the Idaho Supreme Court held that Idaho's adoption statute allowing "any adult person" to adopt is unambiguous and to be construed literally, regardless of marital status or sexual orientation. *In re Doe*, 156 Idaho 345 (Id. 2014). Thus, second parent adoptions, which allow a child's sole legal parent to specify a second adult to adopt a child without losing any parental rights, are available in Idaho.
- State law permits any married person to adopt the child of their spouse via stepparent adoption. Idaho Code Ann. § 16-1501. With nationwide recognition of marriage equality, an individual should be permitted to adopt the child of their same-sex spouse via stepparent adoption.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full article from the Family Equality Council.

The North Idaho Pride Alliance invites the greater community to participate in their 2022 CDA4Pride Campaign, a month-long celebration of PRIDE happening from May 21st to June 23rd with the theme EXIST LOUDER! Visit **CDA4PRIDE 2022**

Best Practices in Working with LGBTQ+ Youth and Families

Providers and caregivers must be proactive in creating a culture that respects and values all, and fosters an understanding of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression within their community. Participants will learn about the coming out process, risk factors and protective factors for LGBTQ+ youth in the child welfare system, and important considerations for caregivers. Best practices will be discussed for creating an affirming environment to LGBTQ+ youth and LGBTQ+ headed families. To learn more and register, visit **Best Practices in Working with LGBTQ+ Youth and Families**.

Recently, C.A.S.E released a log post featuring an excerpt from former foster youth, Found of Comfort Cases, and adoptive Dad Rob Scheer's memoir, *A Forever Family: Fostering Change One Child at a Time*. This inspiring book tells the story of his turbulent childhood in the foster care system and the countless obstacles and discrimination he endured adopting his four children. The chapter "Trials" describes Rob's wedding and the importance of the 2009 legalization of same-sex marriage in Washington, D.C. To read the full blog post, visit **Excerpt from A Forever Family: Fostering Change One Child at a Time – "Trials"**.

Click [HERE](#) to read *LGBTQ Youth In Child Welfare*.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Free Fishing Day

Date: June 11, 2022

Time: All day

Location - Idaho

If you have never been fishing, Free Fishing Day is also a great day to learn. Fish and Game personnel and volunteers set up several free events at local fishing waters throughout the state to help first-timers discover the joys of fishing.



There are a limited number of loaner rods and reels available to practice with, but if you have your own equipment you are encouraged to bring it.

All other fishing rules and regulations including creel limits, opening dates, and tackle restrictions remain in effect. Always check the seasons and rules for the water where you plan to go fishing.

To learn more, visit **Free Fishing Day**.

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Additionally, there are other events throughout the state that are linked to Free Fishing Day.

Family Fun Day

This is a yearly event held on the Idaho Fish and Game's Free Fishing Day at Whittenberger Park and Rotary Pond Park. Many local community partners help us out with this event, and there are activities for all ages and ability levels! This year's event will be Saturday, June 11th from 10am – 1pm. Fishing Derby will be from 7am – 10am, and the Color Run/Walk will start at 11:00 am.



Idaho Family Summer Palooza

Date: June 4th, 2022

Time: 10am-4pm

Location: Expo Idaho | 5610 N Glenwood St, Boise, ID 83714

Unplug for a day and reconnect with your kiddos at the Family Summer Palooza. This day is packed full of entertainment and fun for the WHOLE

FAMILY! Your kids will love the interactive zones designed for tots, kids and tweens.

The endless recreation will keep the kids moving all day long while families explore exhibits featuring the best products, services, resources, and entertainment the Treasure Valley has to offer.



CDA Family Day in the Park

Location: Coeur D'Alene City Park and Independence Point

Kick off your summer with this amazing family event! Dozens of vendors, games, activities, music, beer garden, food court, discounted museum admission, interactive displays, and more!

Covid precautions & distancing will be practiced as per current protocols.

For more information, visit their Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/CDAfamilydayinthepark/>



Kid Market Day

Location: Oregon Trail Recreation District,

1750 Park Ave, Burley, ID

Time: Sat Jun 18 2022 at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

A vendor market run completely by children! Children create a business idea, make the products, then sell them at this public event.

Emmett Cherry Festival

Location: Emmett City Park

Time: Wednesday, 15 Jun 2022 – Saturday, 18 Jun 2022



Started in 1930, The Emmett Cherry Festival is one of the longest-running festivals in Idaho. Every year, during the second week of June, friends and family get together to celebrate the arrival of cherries in this region. This four-day event is filled with free entertainment, parades, dozens of carnival attractions, concerts, art shows and much more. A variety of dishes featuring fresh cherries served by local vendors and old-school pie-eating contests are thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd. Live music, great food and a relaxed atmosphere, this festival is a perfect outing for the entire family.

Emmett City Park www.emmettcherryfestival.com



Free Outdoor Movies Throughout the Summer

Throughout Idaho during summer months, there are many places that offer free movie nights. Below are a few that we've found which could be a free fun filled family night! :)

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Silver Screen on the Green - Optimist Park

Location: 16680 11th Ave N Ext, Nampa, ID 83687

Dates: Every Friday throughout the summer at dusk

Nampa Parks and Recreation is pleased to offer free movies in the park throughout the summer! Come out to the park and enjoy the silver screen on a large inflatable movie screen. Grab a blanket, a lawn chair, family and friends, and head to **Optimist Park** in Nampa for a summer of fun.

Movie Night In Meridian

Dates: Every Friday Night, June 10 – August 19

Time: Movies start at dusk (times vary all summer)

Location: Settlers Park

Address: 3245 N. Meridian Road. Corner of Ustick and Meridian roads.

Grab your family, friends, and neighbors this summer and join Meridian Parks and Recreation for Sparklight Movie Night in Meridian! Friday evenings, we inflate our giant outdoor movie screen in Settlers Park for a family-friendly movie. Check-in with our concession stand for delicious treats and movie snacks. Thanks to local sponsors, it's free. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and favorite movie dates and enjoy the fresh summer air with Meridian Parks and Recreation! All movies start at dusk. The screen is set up at 7:00 pm. There are lots of activities in the park to keep you busy until the movie starts at dusk. To learn more about and see what the schedule is, visit

Sparklight Movie Night 2022 Schedule.

Idaho Falls Parks and Recreation's – Movies in the Park!!!

Location: 1290 Science Center Dr, Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Dates: July & August

Time: Sunset

One of the most popular summer events in the city is back as FREE outdoor movies return to Freeman Park this summer! Join the City of Idaho Falls this July & August! Enjoy a night out while watching a movie on the city's outdoor movie screen. FREE movies are located at Freeman Park next to the Bandshell. Movies begin at sunset. Be there just before dusk and get some classic movie treats from our Sponsors. Thanks to our generous sponsors, all snacks are FREE! They can include items such as popcorn and chips. To learn more about, visit **Idaho Falls Movie Night.**

Movie Night at Blake Haven Park

The City of Star is pleased to present our FREE Summer Movie Line-up. This summer's movie line-up is brought to you by: Copper & Sage Real Estate and the Ada Community Library in Star. By popular demand, movie night will return to Blake Haven Park with a new screen and fun activities. All movies start at dusk. Dusk can be as late as 10PM, especially for our first feature in June. Bring low back chairs, blankets and get comfy! Outside food and drinks are welcome. No pets. You will be asked to leave if you bring your pet. We are lining up vendors that would like to provide movie snacks.



Movies Under the Stars

Boise Parks and Recreation – Boise Parks

June through August, the Boise Parks and Recreation Department and Boise Schools Education Foundation will host a series of nine family-friendly movies at parks throughout town. These events are fun-filled evenings with something for everyone. Each movie night starts at 7:00 pm with field games like capture the flag and dodgeball provided by the Parks and Recreation Mobile Recreation Van. Movies in the park begin at dusk on an enormous 30' inflatable screen. To learn more about movie nights, follow **Boise Parks and Recreation** on Facebook.

Movie Nights in the Park

McCammon Ball Park

Starting in July 2022 and running through August 2022, the MAG in McCammon, ID will be hosting free movie nights during the summer. To learn more, visit **theMag**. Below are showtime and movies for the summer months:

July 15, 2022, 7-11pm – Jungle Cruise by Disney/Family Adventure

July 29, 2022, 7-11pm – The Aristocats by Disney Classic/Family/Comedy

August 12, 2022, 7-11pm – Mary Poppins by Disney/Family Adventure

August 26, 2022, 7-11pm - Raya and the Last Dragon by Disney/Family Adventure

Eastern Idaho 3rd Annual Summer Drive-in Movie Series

Location: Motor Vu Drive-In,
2095 N Yellowstone Highway, Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Eastern Idaho is working on providing show times and additional details. So far, they've shared the names and dates of shows. They are as followed:

Thursday, June 16: Jurassic Park and JAWS

Thursday, July 14: The Lost World: Jurassic Park and Back to the Future
Thursday, July 28: Jurassic World and Back to the Future Part II
Thursday, August 11: Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom and ET

We are busy planning what our 3rd season will look like for summer 2022 – stay tuned for more information and updates! Visit **Eastern Idaho – Summer Movies** for more information!

TRAINING



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PART 1: **Valuing Sibling** **Relationships**

2022 Virtual
Training Dates

Tuesday, June 21
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm CT

Valuing Sibling **Relationships**

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 | 7:00pm - 9:00pm CT

Click [**HERE**](#) to learn more

Meet and learn from training instructor, **Sue Badeau**, a mom of 22 CHILDREN, effective methods and strategies to blend and bring new foster, adopted or other children into the family and how to establish or maintain sibling relationships. To register and learn more, visit **Sibling Relationships Training**.

Helping Children Manage Feelings and Behaviors Webinar

All children, particularly those who have experienced trauma, need help and support learning to express and manage a wide array of emotions in order to feel and be safe. Once they learn to safely express feelings ranging from excitement to sadness to anger and confusion, their behavior will often improve. However, teaching children specific strategies is also an important parenting role. In this webinar, trauma-informed approaches to teaching children to manage both their feelings and their behaviors will be shared. Participants will leave with concrete tools to add to their parenting toolbox. Presented by Sue Badeau, a birth and adoptive parent to 22 children and an advocate for youth and family engagement for decades. She is a national child welfare trainer and consultant with more than 30 years of experience in the field. To register and learn more, visit [Helping Children Manage Feelings and Behaviors Webinar](#).

Healing Guidebook - NACAC

Additionally, NACAC have shared a wonderful toolkit for families focusing on healing. Below is an excerpt from NACAC about the Guidebook on Healing: From Alia and Anu, the *Healing Guidebook* is designed to help anyone working with children who have experienced relational trauma. It offers practical tips and tools to aid in healing. You are able to access the full guide by [clicking here](#).

Strategies for Parenting a Child with a History of Loss and Trauma

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm EST

Parenting a child with a history that includes loss and trauma requires parents to have a bigger parenting toolbox. This parenting webinar and group will focus on ways to add effective tools to support children from hard places. Come learn and share with others as we build our toolbox and let others borrow as needed.

This series will be held via Zoom on Tuesdays from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm EST (June 14, June 21, June 28, July 12, July 19, August 2). This series is being offered at no cost thanks to Jockey Being Family. To Register, visit [Webinar & Parent Support Group](#).

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