# **About Us**



### **Mission Statement**

Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. is a nonprofit statewide organization dedicated to providing equal access to justice for low-income people through quality advocacy and education.

# Message from the Executive Director, Jim Cook

Thank you for taking the time to learn about Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. We are Idaho's largest nonprofit law firm with seven regional and two satellite offices, three toll-free legal advice lines, and a website with legal forms and educational content. Our mission is to provide quality civil legal services to low income and vulnerable Idahoans. For many, we provide their only access to our judicial system.

Every year Idaho Legal Aid Services helps thousands of Idahoans with critical legal problems such as escaping domestic violence and sexual assault, protecting abused and neglected children, preserving housing, helping vulnerable seniors and stopping discrimination. Our Indian Law Unit provides legal help focused on Idaho's Indian Reservations. The Migrant Farmworker Law Unit provides services tailored to the

needs of Idaho's migrant population.

Our work benefits our clients, our communities and our state. For example, we annually obtain court orders requiring abusers to pay more than a million and a half dollars in child support, health insurance and daycare costs for their children while requiring them to act to end their violence. The stability provided by this representation allows formerly battered women to work and raise their children in a safe and stable environment where they can focus on life, rather than on their safety. To the larger community this translates into reduced demands on law enforcement, the courts, prisons, paramedics, emergency rooms and public assistance.

I want Idaho Legal Aid Services to be the best at what we do. We continually apply technology (through our legal advice lines, web based interactive legal forms and future online client intake system) to serve more clients, more effectively. We are focused on improving client service, such as co-locating our attorneys at Idaho's two family justice centers so they can serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the same venue as other providers. Finally, we are acting to strengthen relationships with the Idaho State Bar, Idaho Law Foundation, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, Idaho Supreme Court, and many other organizations who are collectively working to provide equal justice for all. This will result in more and better services for our client community.

Thank you again for your interest in Idaho Legal Aid Services.

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