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## IDAHO Children's Health Project

## PROGRAM FACTS

The Idaho Children's Health Project (ICHP), provides medical, dental and behavioral health care to low income, uninsured and medically uninsured children and their families in rural communities throughout South Central Idaho.



The ICHP's patient population is comprised of low-income, uninsured families during the school year, and expands to include migrant seasonal farm workers during the summer months. Many of these patients have limited access to health care, frequently due to lack of public transportation in the area. Given the rural location, some patients are as far as an hour away from a care facility. In

addition to a lack of transportation, many patients, including migrant workers and their families, experience language and cultural barriers to health care. The ICHP provides services at a combination of fixed site clinics and on the Mobile Dental Clinic.

### Serving Communities in Need

The age composition of the ICHP's patient population is: 22% pediatric (ages 0-11), 15% adolescent (ages 12-19), and 63% adult (20 years of age and older). The gender breakdown is 42% male and 58% female. The race/ethnicity breakdown is 71% Hispanic/Latino and 28% Caucasian (non-Hispanic), with less than 1% African American, Asian or other race. Fifty-five percent of ICHP's patients are uninsured, 33% have Medicaid and 12% have private health insurance.

### Available Services

#### Medical

- Comprehensive primary care, including well child/adult examinations
- Management of acute and chronic illnesses
- Screenings, including vision and hearing testing
- Family planning services
- Health and nutrition education

#### Behavioral Health Services

- Psychiatric and developmental testing
- Counseling services
- Medication management

### Program Sites

The ICHP travels throughout South Central Idaho, providing services at FHS fixed clinic sites, several public schools and Head Start Programs. These sites are located in Twin Falls, Buhl, Jerome, Fairfield, Hailey, Wendell, Burley Rupert, and Kimberly. The Head Start program visits families in Hailey. For the American Dental Association's Give Kids a Smile program, the ICHP visits schools in Twin Falls.

#### Home Institution/Affiliation:

Family Health Services/St. Luke's Hospital and the University of Utah Health Sciences Center

#### Year Established:

June 2004

#### STAFF

##### Dental Director:

Adam Hodges, DDS

##### Dentist:

Tyler Elison, DDS

##### Dental Hygienist:

Gary Horn  
Jamie Halford

##### Dental Assistant:

LaChelle Gilbert  
Kim Leija

##### Receptionist:

Betty Foster  
Sagrario Rodriguez

##### Driver:

Steve Graham

#### Dental Services

- Comprehensive oral health care
- Screenings and dental exams
- Digital x-rays
- Oral health education
- Specialist referrals