

FY 2019 Directory of Funded Programs:
Organizational Profiles and Project Summaries
Supporting Interstate Placement through Electronic Systems
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Administration for Children and Families - Administration on Children,
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Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Award Number:

90CE0013

Project Title:

Child Welfare Transformation
(CWT) Initiative – NEICE
Connect

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and Welfare**

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Project Period:

12 Months

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Target Population:

Child welfare staff

Geographic Area(s) Served:

State of Idaho

Agency Region:

ACF Region 10

Organizational Description

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's (Department) programs and services are designed to help people live healthy and be productive, strengthening individuals, families and communities. From birth throughout life, the Department help people improve their lives.

Use of Program Funds

Idaho's **CWT – NEICE Connect** project will support Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) activities for the entire state of Idaho. This project will improve workflow, decrease processing time, and reduce operating costs while growing the national NEICE network. Activities to be conducted include design, testing, training, and implementation to ensure that Idaho is not just implementing new technology, but rather, that Idaho is implementing business systems that will make effective use of new technology and that the use of that technology will be well integrated into the day-to-day operations in Idaho's Child Welfare system.

Expected Outcomes

Idaho's CWT – NEICE Connect project will:

1. Increase overall staff capacity by ~30%; that is an equivalent of 55-77 full time positions;
2. Allow social workers to spend more time with families less time in administrative tasks;
3. Social Workers, make decisions using relevant and real time data;
4. Improve time to safety decision by 90%; decreasing the stress and time for families and children in temporary states;
5. Reduce foster care entries by 10% through structured consultations and better use of in home safety plans;
6. Decrease time to permanency by 40% (for all permanency types);
7. Reduce child placement moves by 25% through better structured staffing and better foster parent communication; and
8. Reduce staff turnover by 10% and thus improve staff expertise and decision-making.