

C.L. "Butch" Otter

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2012-_____

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE FOR CHILDREN AT RISK

WHEREAS, Idaho's children are her most valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all Idahoans to provide a community system of support and protection for these children; and

WHEREAS, the protection of children from abuse and neglect is in the best interest of all Idahoans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, by authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, do hereby order the continuance of the Governor's Task Force on Children at Risk.

The Task Force is responsible for developing, establishing and operating programs designed to improve:

- a. The handling of child abuse and neglect cases, particularly cases of child sexual abuse and exploitation; and*
- b. The handling of cases of suspected child abuse or neglect related fatalities; and*
- c. The investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation; and*
- d. The handling of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are victims of abuse or neglect.*

The Task Force is to establish and support a statewide child fatality review team to allow comprehensive and multidisciplinary review of deaths of children younger than 18 years-old, in order to identify what information and education may improve the health and safety of Idaho's children.

The Task Force shall be composed of between 12 and 18 members appointed by the Governor. The membership shall include, but will not be limited to, the following with consideration of geographical representation:

- Law Enforcement Community*
- Criminal Court Judge*
- Civil Court Judge*
- Prosecuting Attorney*
- Defense Attorney*
- Child Advocate Attorney for Children*
- Court Appointed Special Advocate Representative (where such programs operate)*

- *Health Professional*
- *Mental Health Professional*
- *Child Protective Service Agency*
- *Individual experience in working with children with disabilities*
- *Parent Group Representative*
- *Education Representative*
- *Juvenile Justice Representative*
- *Adult former victim of child abuse or neglect*
- *Individual experienced in working with homeless children/youth*

The members of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor for a four-year term. Reappointment is at the discretion of the Governor with a recommendation from the chair. Members of the Task Force shall elect their chair from among their members.

The Department of Health and Welfare shall be the lead agency, providing support for the Task Force, and shall monitor contracts for staff to carry out the activities directed by the Task Force, as funding is available.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this _____ day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fourth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-second.

*C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR*

*BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE*