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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2010-13
GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE FOR CHILDREN AT RISK

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

WHEREAS, crimes of abuse and neglect can psychologically and physically harm innocent children for life, depriving them of their right to live happy and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, abuse and neglect of children have been recognized to be multi-generational problems; and

WHEREAS, thousands of incidents of child abuse and neglect occur each year in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the system that responds to reports of child abuse and neglect requires more effective and efficient statewide coordination and consistent monitoring in order to better protect children; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect all children, those who commit crimes against children need to be held accountable for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the child victims of abuse, neglect, and domestic violence must receive immediate and adequate protection from continued maltreatment; 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's responsibilities are:

- 1. To review existing systems and procedures and encourage improvements in the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse to limit the trauma to the child victim;*
- 2. To evaluate, propose, and encourage cooperation between persons and agencies involved in cases of child abuse and domestic violence evaluations;*
- 3. To investigate and recommend optimum models of prevention, evaluation and treatment of victims and offenders;*
- 4. To establish procedures for the review of child fatalities and substantial or severe injuries where the circumstances of the death or injury suggest the possibility of child abuse; and*
- 5. To study, propose and encourage means to establish a highly professional, stable work force devoted to working with child abuse cases and issues.*

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*

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.

This Executive Order repeals and replaces Executive Order No. 2006-30.

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 18th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-first.



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