

# IDAHO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

*"Collaborating for a Safer Idaho"*  
Established 2005  
C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
Governor

## 2007 Accomplishments

Adopted June 28, 2013

### Strategic Planning

- The Commission's strategic plan was restructured based on how the Commission can be most effective in the state of Idaho.
- Developed "A Safer Idaho" web site—SaferIdaho.com—to provide information and resources to the public. Web site was removed in 2009.

### Research Studies

- Identified the most critical areas of research on sentencing alternatives, recidivism reduction, drug abuse prevention and treatment, sex offender management and civil commitment processes, gang prevention and intervention, reentry and other related criminal justice practices.
- Funded a study on the "Alternatives to Incarceration for Adults" in partnership with Boise State University, Department of Criminal Justice, which was presented to the Commission in 2008.
- A research-based study began to review Idaho's public indigent delivery system and was conducted by National Legal Aid and Defender Association. Final report was presented to the Commission in January 2010.

### Subcommittees Established

- Misdemeanor Probation Project—To develop, guide and coordinate the efforts of Idaho Department of Correction and county misdemeanor probation in the areas of joint supervision, data sharing, assessments, supervision policies, and training.
- Violent Sexual Predator (VSP) Issues and Legislation.
- SORNA/Sex Offender Issues and Legislation.
- Early Childhood Development (Cradle-to-Prison Pipeline)—To gather information and present recommendations.
- Criminal Justice Research Alliance—To coordinate evidence-based research by Boise State University and others who can provide program evaluation, policy analysis and research planning for the identified goals of the Commission. Areas of focus were meth, gangs, sex offenders and prison overcrowding on common areas that may impact more than one area. Ten goals were identified.

### Early Childhood Development (Cradle-to-Prison Pipeline) Subcommittee

- Produced a white paper titled, *Early Childhood Intervention*.

### SORNA/Sex Offender Issues and Legislation Subcommittee

- The Commission submitted consensus comments to the Department of Justice seeking to clarify four areas of concern in the Sex Offender and Registration Notification Act (SORNA):
  - The scope of the retroactive application of the act.
  - Failure to recognize the existence of a separate juvenile registry (Idaho initiated a juvenile registry system).
  - Clarification of the definition of residence is required.
  - The need for a comprehensive, federally created and maintained resource reference for the applicable laws in all jurisdictions.

### Partner and Supporter

- Expansion of drug courts.
- “Slow the Flow” pilot project in District 7.
- Supported legislation creating the Office of Drug Policy.
- Supported the development of a Treasure Valley Detox Center.
- Expansion of retained jurisdiction—New Directions Program.
- Expansion of mental health treatment tier for incarcerated inmates.
- Implementation of Moral Reconciliation Therapy.
- Development of the Correctional Alternative Placement Program.
- Supported implementation of effective monitoring of assessment and treatment programs, which was led by the administrator of the Office of Drug Policy.
- Committed to serve as voting members of the Idaho Department of Correction Population Forecast Advisory Committee.

### Gang Strategies

- Sponsored Gang tattoo billboards.
- Document titled, *What You Know About Gangs Could Save Your Child's Life*, was adopted.

### Conferences Co-Sponsored

- 2007 Treasure Valley Youth Summit “Uniting Our Community”—Co-sponsored by U.S. Attorney District of Idaho.
- L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P. 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Seminar and Concert (Northwest Nazarene University)—Co-sponsored by Roady’s Humanitarian Bowl, Idaho National Guard Counterdrug Support Program, Game Time, Bank Jr. powered by Zions Bank.

- L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P. 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Seminar and Concert (Boise)—In-kind support for Rody's Humanitarian Bowl, The Athletic Training Center Sports Performance & Physical Therapy, Game Time, PAL Meridian, Idaho National Guard Counterdrug Support Program.
- Rob Grunewald – Collaboration for a Safer Idaho—Co-sponsored by Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children.

