

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2016-06

CONTINUING THE 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the 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 (Task Force).

The Task Force is responsible for reviewing and developing programs, as well as facilitating local jurisdictions to operate programs designed to improve:

- a. The handling of child abuse and neglect cases, particularly cases of child sexual abuse and exploitation;*
- b. The handling of cases of suspected child abuse or neglect-related fatalities;*
- 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.*

Further, the Task Force shall establish and support a statewide child fatality review team (CFRT) 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 statewide CFRT established and supported by the Task Force is separate and apart from child death reviews convened by the Department of Health and Welfare in circumstances where the death of a child is suspected or confirmed to have resulted from abuse or neglect.

The Task Force shall be composed of not more than 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*
- Court Appointed Special Advocate Representative (where such programs operate)*
- Health Professional*
- Mental Health Professional*
- Child Protective Service Agency*
- Individual experienced 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. Members of the Task Force shall elect their chair from among their members.

The Task Force shall submit a written report by June 1 of each year to document its efforts.

The Department of Health and Welfare shall be the fiscal agent, providing support for the Task Force, and shall monitor contracts for staff to carry out the activities directed by the Task Force, as Children's Justice Act Grant 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 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-seventh.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE