



Re: Regions 1 and 2 Community NOW! Statewide Training and Listening Tour
May 14, 2019: Lewiston and Orofino
May 15, 2019: Coeur d'Alene
May 16, 2019: Ponderay

To Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities,

Community NOW! has important information to share with you. Please join us for a training and listening session near you **on either May 14, 15, or 16 2019**. You will hear important information for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (self-advocates) and their families. **This will also be a time for self-advocates and their families to ask questions and share their thoughts during the training discussions.** Enclosed are documents with more information about these trainings.

What is Community NOW!?

Medicaid pays for supports that you need to live the life you want to live. Medicaid is looking at ways that services and supports for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities might be changed. Medicaid has joined a group called Community NOW! that meets in Boise, Idaho to talk about what changes could be made to Medicaid services.

Community NOW! meetings are led by adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and family members from around the State. Medicaid staff, the Idaho Council of Developmental Disabilities, Medicaid providers and other stakeholders also come to Community NOW! meetings in Boise.

What will we talk about at these Community NOW! meetings?

On May 14, 15, and 16, 2019, Idaho Medicaid, the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities, and others will host a training and listening session. The training will include:

1. **Community NOW! updates**
2. **"Understanding Behavior as Communication"**
3. **"Know Your Rights"** - for self-advocates and their families
4. **"Presuming Competence"** - for families and providers



There will also be a chance for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to ask questions and talk directly with Medicaid about their experiences with Medicaid services and in relation to the training topics.

There will be four sessions in Regions 1 and 2, each will talk about the same things. You only need to come to one session. The sessions will be:

May 14, 2019 (Lewiston and Orofino):

1. **Lewiston:** Red Lion, 621 21st Street, Lewiston, Idaho from **9:00 am–12:00 pm**
2. **Orofino:** Best Western, 615 Main Street, Orofino, Idaho from **2:00 pm–5:00 pm**

May 15, 2019 (Coeur d’Alene)

1. **Coeur d’Alene:** Hampton Inn, 1500 Riverstone Dr., Coeur d’Alene, Idaho from **1:00 pm–4:00 pm**

May 16, 2019 (Ponderay)

1. **Ponderay:** Ponderay Events Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Suite E, Ponderay, Idaho from **9:00 am–12:00 pm**

If you want to come to a session, we hope that you will RSVP (tell us that you are coming)! If you have questions or need help with transportation or support so that you can come to the meeting, please contact Medicaid at: (208) 364-1840 or toll free at 1-844-793-1286.

How to RSVP for the meeting:

Please tell us that you are coming by either calling or emailing us:

Calling: 1-844-793-1286 or

Emailing: kw@dhw.idaho.gov

When you call or email to tell us that you are coming, please tell us:

- (1) The name of the adult or family member who will be attending;
- (2) Which session location and time you will be attending; and
- (3) Whether you need any help with support to attend this meeting.



The following people will be traveling to Regions 1 and 2 for these meetings:

- Regional self-advocates and family leaders;
- Christine Pisani, Executive Director, Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities;
- Art Evans, Bureau Chief, Developmental Disabilities Program (Idaho Department of Health and Welfare);
- Blake Brumfield, Supervisor, Division of Family and Community Services (Idaho Department of Health and Welfare);
- Cynthia Yee-Wallace, Idaho Attorney General's Office;
- Richelle Tierney, Center on Disabilities and Human Development; and
- The American Civil Liberties Union may attend some or all of the trainings.

We look forward to sharing this important information with you and listening to what you have to say!

Sincerely,

Representatives of Community Now!