



**Interagency Governance
Team (IGT) Strategic Plan
State Fiscal Year (SFY)
2025–2026**

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The Interagency Governance Team (IGT) is responsible for collaboratively coordinating and overseeing the implementation of the Jeff D. Settlement Agreement. This team consists of representatives from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the Idaho State Department of Education, and the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, county detention, parents, youth, providers, and community members.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Interagency Governance Team (IGT) is to establish a governance structure to oversee the implementation and operation of Youth Empowerment Services (YES) and Quality Management Improvement and Accountability (QMIA) program. The IGT ensures that the state’s policies and procedures promote the successful development and operation of a new and improved children’s mental health system of care that includes the participation of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), State Department of Education (SDE) and the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC).

The IGT uses the IGT Strategic Plan to provide clarity, direction, and a structured approach to achieving its goals and securing its future success. The IGT Strategic Plan is regularly referenced and is a living document that may be updated as necessary for successful implementation.

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IGT Mission

As stated in the June 2015 [Settlement Agreement, Appendix D](#) of the Jeff D. class action lawsuit:

The mission of the Interagency Governance Team (IGT) is to collaboratively work with partners to coordinate and oversee the ongoing successful implementation of the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) system of care. In order to be successful, the IGT will:

- Serve as a vehicle for communication among partners.
- Identify and remove barriers to working collaboratively and implementing services and supports for Idaho youth and their families.
- Ensure sustainable access to appropriate levels of service for Idaho youth and their families.
- Monitor and provide feedback on implementing the Settlement Agreement.

The overarching responsibility of the Interagency Governance Team is to provide for:

- Adherence to the Settlement Agreement and Implementation Plan among constituencies.
- Steady progress in implementing agreed-upon commitments, practice improvements, and quality management, improvement, and accountability.
- Meaningful partnership with families, youth, and other community stakeholders.
- Effective use of data to inform progress in achieving cross-system outcomes.
- Appropriate interface with key advocates, including the State Legislature and the Judiciary.
- Sustainability of the YES system of care, a shared investment including vision, empowered leadership and system improvements.

IGT Vision

By July of 2026, the IGT will or will have made significant improvements on the systems in place to successfully and sustainably accomplish the IGT's mission.

Membership

The Idaho Behavioral Health Cooperative will appoint membership to the IGT in accordance with the IGT Bylaws.

Governance

The Interagency Governance Team is governed by the [Jeff D. Settlement Agreement](#), see paragraphs 50 and 77, and Appendix D; the [Idaho Implementation Plan](#), see Objective 6: Governance and Interagency Collaboration; the [Idaho Implementation Assurance Plan \(IAP\)](#), see Objective F: Governance and Problem-Solving; and the [Quality Management Improvement and Accountability \(QMIA\) Plan](#), which may change or be amended from time to time in the future.

NOTE: All items, visuals, and documents included in the IGT Strategic Plan will be updated as determined by the IGT Voting Members by the identified Division of Behavioral Health Project Coordinator.

IGT Approved:

Interagency Governance Team Strategic (IGT) Goals

Introduction

Through a series of meetings, the following goals were identified and prioritized in accord with the Jeff D. Settlement Agreement and in support of the Implementation Assurance Plan (IAP).

These items were identified and acknowledged by the IGT as statements of fact and of business operations needed to ensure the YES system of care implementation success and its sustainability:

- The IGT understands that if services are underutilized, sustainability is unlikely to occur.
- The IGT understands that the IDHW Division of Medicaid and Division of Behavioral Health, the backbones of YES, are currently under-staffed and under-resourced.
- The IGT recognizes a need to prioritize work that can actually be accomplished, completed, and delivered. It is understood that additional responsibilities will be added as needed. It is also understood that additional goals and roles that support the IGT's duties can be added as they are identified as priorities upon which to act.

Goal 1

The main priority for the IGT will be the oversight and effective implementation of the new [Idaho Behavioral Health Plan \(IBHP\)](#). Effective implementation of the IBHP, including

1. Building provider capacity,
2. Outreach of services into rural and frontier parts of the state,
3. Data collection and break down by state, regions, and counties to measure service delivery gaps,
4. Inpatient treatment, including PRTF services and requests both in-state and out-of-state,
5. Crisis services, including mobile crisis, crisis call centers, and youth crisis centers,
6. CANS 3.0 implementation, and
7. Training.

Consistent with the Implementation Assurance Plan (IAP) with specific focus on the new IBHP, the IGT will prioritize the implementation and oversight of these program elements:

1. Care/Case Management
2. Crisis System
3. Intensive Services Continuum (treatment, foster care, etc.)
4. Due Process for YES Class Members
5. QMIA data and other essential data
6. Expanding access and sustainability

Goal 2

The IGT will identify what human resources and potential additional resources are needed to fully implement its obligations under the Jeff D. Settlement Agreement, the Implementation Assurance Plan (IAP), and the QMIA Plan; and where the resources might be found to accomplish the ongoing YES system of care work.

2.a With the IGT Project Coordinator leading the effort, the IGT will identify a clear and actionable process for gathering information, accessing and assessing data, supervising or monitoring committees and workgroups, and securing project support (including administrative support) that includes the identification of whom will accomplish what by when and what may be done in the event that resources are not available to meet all of the IGT's obligations or priorities.

2.b Complete an update of the IGT Operational Guidelines handbook or procedural manual.

Goal 3

IGT will build a community of support through stakeholder involvement and communication that helps build broad public support and utilization of services such that sustainability occurs.

Goal 4

IGT will effectively execute oversight, monitoring, and collaboration with councils, workgroups, and committees to move the YES system of care implementation forward.

4.a QMIA Council– Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, IGT will work to clarify its working relationship with the QMIA Council.

4.b IGT will use subcommittees as mandated in the Jeff D. Settlement Agreement: ICAT and FAM; and others, as need is identified to research and report back to the IGT on topics, items, issues, concerns, or proposed recommendations as defined by the IGT when forming a subcommittee.

4.c IGT will work to clarify its relationship with the YES workgroups and how they interact with the implementation work. This should be determined for new workgroups as they are created. IGT intends to formalize its relationships with the workgroups and subcommittees consistent with the Settlement Agreement, Implementation Assurance Plan, and QMIA Plan. The IGT will review the YES system of care workgroups (see listing in Supporting and Reference Materials section that follows) in order to identify which workgroups are needed/required on an ongoing basis and which workgroups have the human resources to be supported.

Goal 5

This Strategic Plan will be reviewed and revised as necessary for YES system of care sustainability. The IGT will create an updated three-year IGT Strategic Plan for SFY July 2026 - July 2028.

Continuous IGT Goals

- IGT will work to ensure action towards a robust service array statewide.
- IGT will work to have timely responses to data to focus on increasing the services and supports provided through the YES system of care.
- IGT will identify strategies that will increase family and youth involvement, including providing feedback on services provided through the YES system of care.
- IGT will align its subcommittees and related strategic plans with the IGT Strategic Plan.
- IGT will work to ensure that changes to the services are beneficial to the children and families we represent.

References

Reference Materials

- ◆ [IGT Meeting Agendas](#)
- ◆ [IGT Meeting Minutes](#)
- ◆ [IGT Roles & Responsibilities Grid](#)
- ◆ [IGT Bylaws](#)
- ◆ [IGT Operational Guidelines](#)
- ◆ [IGT Workgroup Charter](#)
- ◆ [IGT Strategic Plan 2021-2024](#)
- ◆ [IGT Annual Report for 2023](#)
- ◆ [Jeff D. Settlement Agreement](#)
- ◆ [Implementation Plan \(IP\) 2016](#)
- ◆ [Implementation Assurance Plan \(IAP\) 2022](#)
- ◆ [Idaho Behavioral Health Plan \(IBHP\) DHW website](#)

Acronyms List

BSU	Boise State University	IBHC	Idaho Behavioral Health Cooperative
CANS	Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths	IBHC	Idaho Behavioral Health Council
CCBHCs	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics	IBHP	Idaho Behavioral Health Plan
CEUs	Continuing Education Credits	ICAT	Interagency Clinical and Training
CFTs	Child and Family Teams	ICC	Intensive Care Coordination
CMH	Children’s Mental Health	ICTF	Implementation Compliance Task Force
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	IGT	Interagency Governance Team
CoE	Centers of Excellence Bureau	IHCBS	Intensive Home and Community-Based Services
CW	Child Welfare	IWG	Implementation Workgroup
DAG	Deputy Attorney General	LEAs	Local Education Agencies
DBH	Division of Behavioral Health	MCO	Managed Care Organization
DD	Developmental Disabilities	OHPs	Out of Home Placements
DEs	Designated Examiners	OSO	Oversight and Statewide Operation Bureau
DHW	Department of Health and Welfare	PRTFs	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities
DOP	Department of Purchasing	QMIA	Quality, Management, Improvement, and Accountability
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment	QR	Quality Review
FAM	Family and Advocacy Meeting	SDI	System Design and Implementation Bureau
IAP	Implementation Assurance Plan	YES	Youth Empowerment Services