



Idaho Juvenile Justice Association

IJJA welcomes new Board Members!!

Shauna Dutton joins IJJA as a Floating Representative.

Brandy Abegglen joins IJJA as the new Secretary.

Sam Sites joins IJJA as the new District 5 Representative.

The board is excited for the experiences that they will bring to us.



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The many changes of Bingham County

As of December 9, 2015, the RTC has been free of residents. Also, effective December 31, 2015, the RTC will be officially closed. Although many may believe this will have an impact on several areas in Southeast Idaho with regard to transitional housing, the line of thought should be that it will create new change. There are a few different possibilities that the county will be looking at to utilize the RTC Building for a better community. Our experience with the close of RTC reminds us the only constant in life is change, and change will continue to come to Bingham County Probation.

Claudon E Lilya



Claudon E Lilya has worked in Bingham County for 16 years and has been the Director of Bingham County Probation Services since 2007. He has also served as the Drug Court Coordinator for Bingham County Felony Drug Court Program and the Misdemeanor Drug Court Program. Claudon was the recipient of the 2011-2012 IJJA Administrator of the Year Award for District 7. On December 10, 2015 he attended his “Surprise Retirement Party” and it was a surprise; for many people in the Bingham County and the Seventh Judicial District were there to thank him for his many years of service, to wish him well on his new adventures in life, and to celebrate a wonderful retirement.



As a result of many duties that Claudon held, Cody Lewis, is now beginning to take over as the Drug Court Coordinator for Bingham Drug Courts (Felony and Misdemeanor). Congratulations on your new position Cody!

THE NEW BEGINNING.....

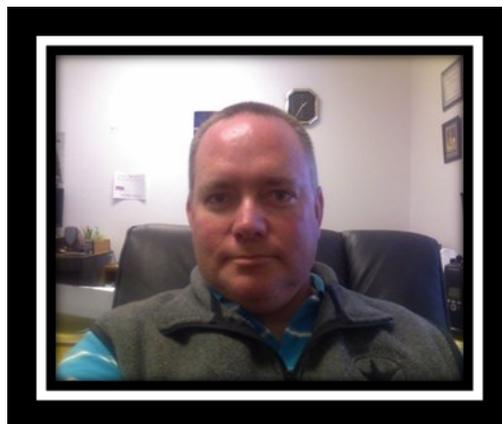
Subsequently, Shawn L. Hill will be the new Director of Probation Services starting January 1, 2016. Shawn has been employed with Bingham County for around 16 years, 13 of which he served as the Chief Juvenile Probation officer. He was the recipient of the 2007-2008 IJJA Administrator of the Year Award for District 7. Although he may not totally fill Claudon's shoes, he will do the best for his county in that position as he can. Congratulations on your new position Shawn!

BINGHAM COUNTY DIRECTOR OF PROBATION SERVICES



On the same date that Shawn will be taking over Claudon's position, Mark Gough will be the new CJPO. Mark has worked for Bingham County for about 14 years and maintained the position of a juvenile probation officer. Mark Gough stated, "We are all in it to try and make a better community. We try to keep our spirits up and move forward to the next phase in the life of Bingham County probation." Congratulations on your new position Mark!

BINGHAM COUNTY CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER



Canyon County Judge appointed to Juvenile Justice Commission

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Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter has appointed Canyon County Magistrate Judge Dayo O. Onanubosi to the Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission beginning October 15, 2015. The Commission serves as the state advisory board responsible for performing the duties required by the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and, together with the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, strives (to make Idaho a place where all children can grow up in safe communities and have the opportunity to be productive, contributing citizens.”

Judge Onanubosi was born and raised in Lagos, Nigeria and came to Idaho in January 1986 to attend the University of Idaho on a track and field scholarship, and earned both his undergraduate degree in political science and his law degree from the University. Prior to his 2009 appointment as a Magistrate Judge, Judge Onanubosi worked as an Attorney at Idaho Legal Aid in Twin Falls and as both a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Deputy Public Defender in Canyon County. Judge Onanubosi serves on the University of Idaho Law School Advisory Council.



Nez Perce County Justice Services 17th Annual Christmas Tree Drive

Each year Nez Perce County Justice Services provides an opportunity for juveniles to “Give Back” to their community with a little Christmas Spirit. Nez Perce County has been working with tree farm owner, Tom Roberts, who donates trees for this project every year for the past 17 years.

Christmas Trees and decorations are provided for approximately 30 families who can be referred to the program through schools, churches, and probation. Together with community donation and funding from Justice Services, the Christmas trees, lights, and decorations are delivered to those families mid-December.

Juveniles have the opportunity to complete community service work through this program by preparing and organizing decorations as well as delivering the trees to the families. In the theme of the restorative practices this has been a rewarding experience for both the juveniles and the Probation Officers who supervise the project.



CHRISTMAS GIVING

Every year the kids at JCC–St. Anthony are involved in doing Christmas projects to benefit others and to help the group learn about serving others, empathy, and caring for others. The groups come up with an idea and staff help them to make this idea into a project that the groups can accomplish and feel good about. This year some of the projects were the Caribou groups made 24 bird houses with wood that a local lumber mill donated, they sold the bird houses and used the money to help three families have a better Christmas. They learned wood working skills, team work, and communication skills that they will be able to use in life. They went to the food bank and spent the day organizing the inventory and putting together food baskets for Christmas. The Centennial group made ornaments for a giving tree. People took the ornaments and donated the item that was requested on the ornament. Then the group wrapped and delivered the gifts to two different families. They got the experience of seeing the joy of helping the kids in the families. They have had and heard some of the hard experiences that the families were dealing with. The girls all talked about how much they learned about being strong through difficult situations and supporting others. The Yellowstone group learned to make sugar scrubs and put some together for the elderly in the nursing home made with essential oils. They delivered these and spent some time brightening their day. The Bitterroot groups chopped wood and delivered it to some needy families in the area, they enjoyed the hard work and felt good about helping several families stay warm for the season. They also made some Paracord bracelets for the women and children's shelter and delivered them to bring some joy for Christmas. The Owyhee groups made pallet planters for the senior citizens center and took them to them and spent some time visiting the residents there. They learned a new skill and recycled some old material into something new and beautiful. It was an eventful Christmas season at JCC–St. Anthony full of service and giving.



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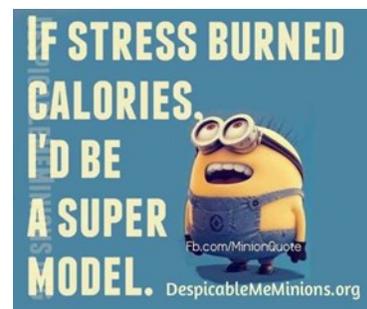


Well we may have some relief...

Resiliency: Resiliency is defined as the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties.

As professionals many people believe that we are immune to all of the emotional issues that many people deal with on a daily basis. With all the training we receive in how to help others we should know the answers to everything. In reality we are just like everyone else. Not only do we have all the normal problems and issues to deal with but will also have all of the problems that come with working with an at risk population. In the job that we do as juvenile justice professionals and the issues that we deal with, we need to be resilient. We need to find a way to be able to deal with all of the difficult situations and stress of our jobs and not let that affect our personal lives in a negative way. Some people struggle with being resilient every day, others are naturally resilient and make dealing with difficult situations easy. The good thing is that resiliency can be learned, practiced, and developed by anyone willing to put forth the effort. Most of us already know most of what we need to be resilient, it just a matter of giving things a name and putting them into practice in our daily lives.

To be presented at the September 2016 IJJA Annual Conference by Troy Randall, JPO, Bingham County.



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