

## GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN AT RISK

For more information  
about the Task Force

current projects, grants, scholarship application  
the annual keeping children safe conference, and  
brochures, please visit our website  
[www.idcartf.org](http://www.idcartf.org).

**The Task Force will make the final decision  
based on the information available concerning  
nominees.**

- Letters of nomination should reflect as much as you know about your nominee's accomplishments.
- Submit your nomination online at <http://idcartf.org/formlink1.html>
- E-mail your nomination to : [cartf@cableone.net](mailto:cartf@cableone.net)
- Fax your nomination to: 208-939-2746
- Nominations must be submitted by Dec.1 Annually
- The award will be presented at the IPAA conference.

## ***“Prosecutors” Award of Excellence***



### Idaho's Governor's Task Force on Children at Risk

The Governor's Task Force on Children at Risk Prosecutors Award of Excellence honors extraordinary prosecutors who have done an outstanding job and have gone beyond the call of duty to advance the cause of protecting children from abuse or neglect."

"If you know of a prosecutor whose work has been particularly noteworthy and who exemplifies a long term commitment to protecting children, please take the time to recognize that person for his or her contributions. We want to recognize this kind of work, as it truly makes a difference in the lives of Idaho's children."

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*"The Governor's Task Force on Children at Risk, a non-partisan, broadly representative organization with concerns related to children at risk in Idaho, is dedicated to providing informed recommendations to the Governor of the State of Idaho regarding the full scope of issues related to child abuse and neglect."*

In 1988, by Executive Order, Governor Cecil Andrus established the Governor's Task Force on Children at Risk. The group's first assignment was to review research on sex crimes against children and develop recommendations to address the issue. This included reviewing testimony from public hearings, national research, and interviews with investigators, treatment providers, law enforcement personnel, perpetrators, citizen advocates, victims and their families.

Findings and recommendations were published in "A Report on Idaho's System for Protecting and Serving Children at Risk of Sexual Abuse," containing 14 specific recommendations. Most of these have been followed to completion.

Since 1988, the Task Force has continued to make recommendations to the Governor on issues pertaining to Idaho's children. Some of their accomplishments include:

- **State mandated county Multi-Disciplinary Teams**
- **Publication of Protocol Newsletter**
- **Statewide Child Abuse Prevention Program**
- **Sex Offender Minimum Evaluation Standards**
- **State Child Mortality Review Team Victim's Right Act**
- **Care Enough to Call brochure**
- **Reporting Child Abuse: Care Enough to Call**

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### Background on the award:

The Governor's Task Force on Children at Risk is comprised of professionals from throughout the state who deal with the processes involving vulnerable children in the court system. This task force trains multi-disciplinary teams, and promotes procedures that will benefit abused children. Learn more by going to our website at [idcartf.org](http://idcartf.org).

Because the court process dealing with abused and neglected children in the court system is closed to the public, these cases are not highlighted in the media. As a result, career prosecuting attorneys who work diligently to protect the abused and neglected children in these proceedings may not receive public accolades. The Governor's Task Force chose to grant this award recognizing a prosecutor who has done an outstanding job and has gone beyond the call of duty to advance the cause of protecting children from abuse or neglect."

### Criteria for the "Prosecutor's Award of Excellence"

- **Idaho State practicing attorney.**
- **Substantial service in child protection cases.  
(at least 1 year)**
- **Works well with all involved in the case.**
- **Stays updated and involved in child protection and juvenile issues.**
- **Presents and is well-prepared in court.**
- **Represents the utmost standards of the bar Association.**
- **Demonstrates other community involvement.**