

2009 (Pending) Policy Priorities

- **Child Welfare**

IVC will advance legislation to enhance the legal process and strengthen the legal supports for relatives caring for related children (a.k.a. "Grand Families").

- Reform the Idaho de facto custodian provisions (New Chapter 17 of Title 32) to:
 - Better define the circumstances under which an individual has standing as a de facto custodian
 - Better defines how de facto custodians can pursue custody of a child and what legal rights are accorded the de facto custodian when custody is granted by the court.
- Reform the Grandparent Visitation Statues to better clarify position of grandparents rights to visit related children.
- Reform the Child Protective Act to require that the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare to actively consider whether a child may be safely placed with relatives in lieu of non-relative foster care.