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Idaho State Legislature
2008 Legislative Session

Another year, another session...

The 2008 Legislative Session begins today (Monday, January 7, 2008) and with it comes another round of legislative updates from Idaho Voices for Children. We hope our new format will encourage everyone to get active, contact their legislators and become a more involved citizen advocate this year .

Here's what you need to know about our efforts in the coming months:

Child Health

IVC will introduce a Concurrent Resolution stating that every child in Idaho should have access to primary and preventive health care.

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Early Care and Education

IVC will work towards establishment of an early childhood commission to provide a means of bringing together representatives of those concerned about the education of pre-kindergarten children in Idaho and helping to develop programs that will meet the needs of Idaho's children.

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IVC will support the Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP) rule changes proposed by the Department of Health & Welfare (DHW) regarding:

- Criminal background checks for providers.
- Poverty & eligibility guidelines (increasing eligibility of more working, low-income families).
- Tiered reimbursement for child care providers (based upon the quality of services provided).

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IVC supports the ongoing efforts to strengthen statewide child care licensing.

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Legislators you should know...

Advocates, on this page we have provided a list of the current members of the Health & Welfare Committees and Education Committees for your information. Watch for these names during the 2008 session as our policy issues emerge.

Legislative Committee	Republican (District - City)	Democrat (District - City)
Senate Education Committee	Chair John Goedde (4 - CDA) Vice Chair Russell Fulcher (21 - Meridian) Gary Schroeder (6 - Moscow) Tom Gannon (23 - Buhl) Monty Pearce (9 - New Plymouth) Michael Jorgenson (3 - Hayden Lake) Stan Bastian (14 - Eagle)	Mike Burkett (19 - Boise) Dick Sagness (30 - Pocatello) -- <i>temporarily replacing Edgar Malepeai</i>
Senate Health & Welfare Committee	Chair Patti Anne Lodge (13 - Huston) Vice Chair Joyce Broadsword (2 - Cocolalla) Denton Darrington (27 - Declo) John McGee (10 - Caldwell) Charles Coiner (24 - Twin Falls) Steven Bair (28 - Blackfoot) James Hammond (5 - Post Falls)	Elliot Werk (17 - Boise) Kate Kelly (18 - Boise)
House Education Committee	Chair Bob Nonini (5 - CDA) Vice Chair Mack G. Shirley (34 - Rexburg) Tom Trail (6 - Moscow) Larry Bradford (31 - Franklin) Sharon Block (24 - Twin Falls) Pete Nielsen (22 - Mountain Home) Richard Wills (22 - Glens Ferry) Marge Chadderdon (4 - CDA) Paul Shepherd (8 - Riggins) Jim Marriott (28 - Blackfoot) Dean Mortimer (32 - Idaho Falls) Jim Patrick (23 - Twin Falls) Steven Thayn (11 - Emmett)	Donna Boe (30 - Pocatello) Donna Pence (25 - Gooding) Liz Chavez (7 - Lewiston) Branden Durst (18 - Boise) Jerry Shively (33 - Idaho Falls)
House Health & Welfare Committee	Chair Sharon Block (24 - Twin Falls) Vice Chair Pete Nielsen (22 - Mountain Home) Janice McGeachin (32 - Idaho Falls) Thomas Loertscher (31 - Iona) Carlos Bilbao (11 - Emmett) Paul Shepherd (8 - Riggins) Jim Marriott (28 - Blackfoot) Lynn Luker (15 - Boise) Steven Thayn (11 - Emmett)	Margaret Henbest (16 - Boise) John Rusche (7 - Lewiston) Sue Chew (17 - Boise)

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