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## Mothers Against Methamphetamine

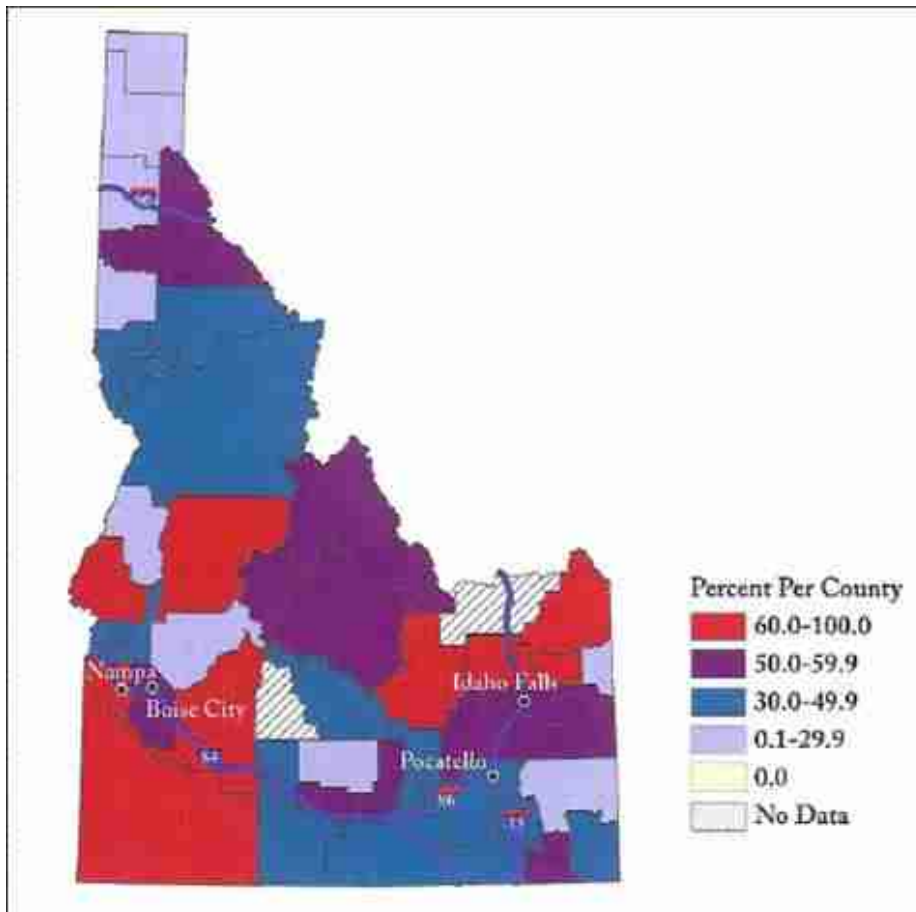
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To Whom it May Concern,

This nation is in the grip of an epidemic of drug addiction that threatens the health and stability of our communities all across America, including Idaho. The most toxic and dangerous of the drugs commonly abused is methamphetamine, particularly in the state of Idaho. This map, completed in 2006, shows the percentage of drugs seized which were identified as methamphetamine. In most areas of the state it is easier for a teenager to get meth than it is to get marijuana.



Youth who are trapped in addiction to methamphetamine have much greater challenges in rehabilitation than adults. Their young brains are still maturing, developing judgment, impulse control, and emotional maturity. Competent addiction treatment in these youth is critical to proper brain development. These children are at high risk for the development of lifelong mental illness if they do not receive proper care.

The needs of youth are generally not met in adult treatment centers. The needs for educational opportunities, psychiatric care, emotional, spiritual, and physical challenges are all radically different for children and adolescents. They have to recover from their addiction and at the same time, go through puberty, pass high school level course work, and repair broken family relationships with parents and other caregivers.

The Children of Hope Family Hospital and Detox Center proposes to meet the needs of these families by providing quality affordable care for children and youth affected by drug addiction. This Christian organization is prepared to provide free comprehensive care to not only treat the addictive process, but also address the developmental and spiritual needs of the child and the family faced with the horror of drug addiction.

We are asking for your help in addressing this critical need in your community. Children of Hope is headed by Dr. Anthony Harper, a PhD in Psychology. The leadership at Children of Hope is qualified to serve addicted youth and their families, but they need your help. The availability of faith based government grants is contingent on raising matching funds privately, through individual donors, churches, and community groups. The acquisition of land, buildings, and staff will require an enormous investment of assets, time and prayer.

We all share in the impact of untreated addiction in our midst. The youth of today are the parents of tomorrow, the backbone of our economy, and we cannot afford to lose large numbers of them to the evil of addiction. Please consider your share of this monumental work.

In Christ,



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