

Announcing...



I'm excited to announce that Idaho Voices for Children and Idaho KIDS COUNT are joining forces! Idaho KIDS COUNT is now a project of Idaho Voices for Children, which has moved under the umbrella of Mountain States Group, Inc.



In the spring of 2014, Idaho Voices for Children engaged in a strategic visioning session to determine the best path forward for the organization. After months of conversations about how to make the biggest impact for Idaho's kids, Idaho Voices for Children enthusiastically decided to merge with Idaho KIDS COUNT. This transition coincided with the planned retirement of LeAnn Simmons, who served as executive director of Idaho Voices for Children since 2010.

I am thrilled to now be at the helm of Idaho Voices for Children, building on a strong foundation built by LeAnn Simmons and the board of directors. Our advocacy for Idaho's kids will continue with greater impacts and increased efficiency, while providing continuity in our shared priorities.

As director of Idaho KIDS COUNT, I collaborated intensively with Idaho Voices for Children and together we founded the *Idaho Reads!* initiative. Due to our shared priorities, this merger will allow for continuity in the focus on education, healthy families, and child wellbeing.

We look forward to your support as we partner to ensure all of Idaho's kids reach their full potential.

In gratitude,
Lauren

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