

# CDA4Kids

+ CDA4Kids exists to provide academic and enrichment activities for grades Kindergarten - 5th at Atlas and Borah Elementary schools.

+ It was started by a grant from Idaho Community Foundation for an afterschool homework house program, then with the help of a 21st Century Community Learning grant it was expanded and CDA4Kids was created.

+ We bring in volunteers from the community to teach the enrichment activities (arts & crafts, celebrity readers, police officers, cooking, gardening, building and maintaining worm farms.)

+ At CDA4Kids our day is split into time for a snack, a physical activity, academics and an enrichment activity.

+ There is a staff of VISTA volunteers and a trained staff of teachers and paraprofessionals.

+ We are only limited by the creativity of our volunteer base.

+ To volunteer please call James Curb or Laurie Fenn at 664-5844

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

It seems a stretch to think it is our children who will be the next generation of inmates in the local jail. It may not be your children or the kids next door but the truth is the majority of inmates in Kootenai County Jail are local citizens; under 30 years of age and a large percent of inmates have been there 10.9 times. These folks grew up in Kootenai County!

Perhaps you've seen a public service announcement running on several television channels. Kootenai County Juvenile Justice Mentoring Program is a fantastic community based program that recruits people from the community to provide a little guidance, encouragement and support for teens who are at risk. There are other programs that are making a difference for people at risk. But more needs to be done.

A Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is comprised of volunteer members of the justice system, academia, health care, nonprofits, social services, businesses and ordinary citizens willing to give a few hours a month to attend a meeting and follow through with an assigned task. A CJCC is recommended by the

National Institute of Corrections and implemented in numerous communities around the country. The purpose is to bring together community stakeholders for the purpose of monitoring the Justice System, share information, educate the community, coordinate services and programs and implement new programs. Communities supporting a CJCC report long-term community changes such as less crime, reduced jail populations, lower school drop out rate, lower unemployment.

Kootenai County is a caring community and we need a CJCC to support the justice system and provide support for citizens on the edge. It's a lot less expensive to teach a person to fish than to give them a fish. Ask your community leaders to consider the benefits of creating a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Write the county commissioners encouraging a resolution to form a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

*Shirley Thagard is a former member of the Kootenai County Jail Expansion Committee. This article is based on her opinions and considerable research.*

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