



IDAHO COALITION

AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT

Dear Community Member:

We are writing to invite you to join the Idaho Coalition Against Identity Theft (ICAIT) and help us better address the needs of victims of identity theft in our state. Our Coalition strives to identify the needs of identity theft victims in our state, identify gaps in how those needs are currently met, and develop goals and projects to address those needs and service gaps.

Identity theft is a growing problem in Idaho. In 2010, the Consumer Sentinel Network (a secure online database of millions of consumer complaints available to law enforcement) received 729 identity theft reports from Idaho. This number was double the 361 Idaho identity theft complaints filed with the Federal Trade Commission in 2002.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, around 12 million or 5 percent of Americans over the age of 16 became victims of identity theft in the two year period ending in June 2008. Financial identity theft is only part of the overall picture; over 600,000 victims experienced other types of identity theft, including criminal, medical and interfamilial identity theft.

The Coalition seeks to provide a coordinated community response to better assist victims of identity theft. ICAIT also strives to increase awareness of the problem of identity theft and to train key community members on prevention of identity theft and effective assistance for victims of identity theft. Finally, the Coalition works towards increased coordination and collaboration between agencies and groups in Idaho that can assist in preventing and responding to identity theft and the needs of identity theft victims in our state.

ICAIT meets bi-monthly and we are always recruiting new members to add to our Coalition. We are excited about this opportunity to potentially improve the lives of identity theft victims in Idaho. Please feel free to contact, Sunrise Ayers, at sunriseayers@idaholegalaid.org or at 208-345-0106, ext. 1511 with any questions. You can also visit <https://sites.google.com/a/idaholegalaid.org/idaho-coalition-against-identity-theft/> or www.facebook.com/idahocoalitionagainstidtheft for more information.

Sincerely,
