

*“How can the Coalition address the needs of banks, credit unions, and businesses, as they are also victims of identity theft and suffer the majority of the financial losses. Would we best serve this role by doing prevention outreach to the public, or trainings in the community on how to spot id theft earlier, or developing materials that tellers could distribute to customers?”*

I. History of the Coalition

- a. Idaho Coalition Against Identity Theft was established in December of 2011 thanks to a National Identity Theft Victims Assistance Project grant, through the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime.
- b. Coalition held its first meeting on December 5, 2011 and continues to hold meetings every other month.
- c. The purpose of the Coalition is to serve as an opportunity for those who work with identity theft victims to share resources and information and to come up with ways to improve services to victims of identity theft in our State.
- d. The Coalition has three subcommittees: an Executive Subcommittee, Education and Outreach subcommittee, and Law Enforcement subcommittee
- e. Projects of the Coalition:
  - a. Creation of training curricula on several topics: 1) Train the trainer; 2) training for law enforcement on the use of Consumer Sentinel Network and National Crime Information Center; 3) training for financial institution employees; 4) training for the public on recovery steps for victims
  - b. Seven regional identity theft seminars held across the state in July and August of 2012
  - c. Identity Theft outreach television advertisement airing in September and October
  - d. Publication of Resource and Referral guide and victim assistance wallet card
  - e. Creation of Identity Theft Assistance Portal on Idaho Legal Aid’s website
  - f. Creation of ICAIT website (<https://sites.google.com/a/idaholegalaid.org/idaho-coalition-against-identity-theft/>) and facebook page

II. Membership

- a. Coalition members include individuals, law enforcement, businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies. Some of the Coalition’s members can be found in the Resource and Referral pamphlet.
- b. We want to continue to expand our membership and in particular, are looking for members who can assist in identifying where current resources or services for victims are lacking and then as a Coalition we can work together to address those gaps.

III. Idaho Bankers

- a. In the past year, the majority of feedback we have received that has instructed what projects the Coalition engages in, have been from nonprofit and government agencies. Our concern is that banks and businesses suffer the majority of financial losses, but that we may not be getting their input on what projects or activities they feel would be of

the most benefit in Idaho. We want to ensure that we are engaging in activities that truly address the needs of our communities when it comes to identity theft and we want to ensure that we are getting as broad-based of input as possible.

- b. We are asking that, after today, you do one of two things. 1) Attend our next Coalition meeting, which will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Idaho State Bar building. Or 2) email your thoughts on a common problem, service gap, or project idea for ICAIT to explore and address.

Thank you!!