



## Questions and Answers about the Idaho adult DD class action lawsuit

### What is this lawsuit about?

This lawsuit is about the Idaho Medicaid program for adults with developmental disabilities. It is a class action. That means that every participant in the program is part of the lawsuit. Every person who applies for the program is part of the lawsuit too. The lawsuit is called *K.W. v. Armstrong* in court.

### What does the lawsuit ask for?

The lawsuit asks for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) to fix the program. The notices IDHW sends about individual budgets need to be fixed. The assessment and budget system at the Idaho Center for Disabilities Evaluation (ICDE) needs to be fixed. And the appeal and hearing officer system need to be fixed.

### What is the status of the lawsuit?

The court made a decision at the end of March 2016. The decision gives IDHW 90 days to propose four specific plans to fix the program:

- (1) A plan to fix the budget tool and test it regularly
- (2) A plan to make sure every participant has somebody to help them appeal their budget amount or ask for a higher budget
- (3) A plan to specify what you need to show to increase your budget
- (4) A plan to let you prove whether your SIB-R scores are correct

### Who can I contact if I have questions or ideas?

There are two lawyers working on behalf of all participants in the program. If you have a question, a concern, or an idea, contact them:

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