



Idaho Department of Correction

Briefing Sheet

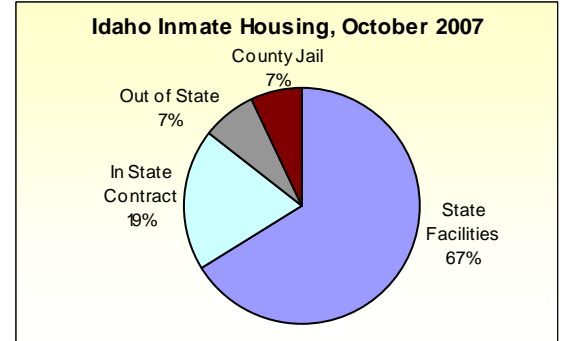
Special Topic

Idaho's Premier Black Hat Agency Idaho Sheriffs' Association Partnership

In Idaho, jails are run by sheriffs and hold individuals waiting for trial or serving a short sentence. County jails also house Idaho Department of Correction inmates.

Historically, these beds have provided temporary housing as state inmates returned to court, await transport to a state prison after sentencing, or general housing for overflow inmates.

Today, the Idaho Sheriffs' Association and the Idaho Department of Correction are building a partnership to house more Idaho inmates in counties. This is a systems approach to help slow the flow of inmates. It will keep some inmates closer to where they live, strengthen local services, and build a more cohesive criminal justice system into the future.



More than 500 Idaho inmates are housed in county jails statewide. That represents about 7% of the more than 7,300 inmates in state custody.

Future Vision

Idaho Sheriffs' Association



A Safer Idaho Through Partnership

- ◆ The county-state partnership will create more in-state capacity for Idaho inmates.
- ◆ It could double county beds available for state inmates from 500 to 1,000.
- ◆ The state will use approximately 500 beds as general purpose beds and may contract for up to 500 added program beds.
- ◆ The department will contract with six to nine counties for program beds.
- ◆ A program menu with education, programming and re-entry options will establish jails as part of the system.
- ◆ Minimum and medium custody inmates would be housed in jails.
- ◆ The partnership will strengthen the criminal justice system by creating statewide treatment options for felony and misdemeanor inmates.

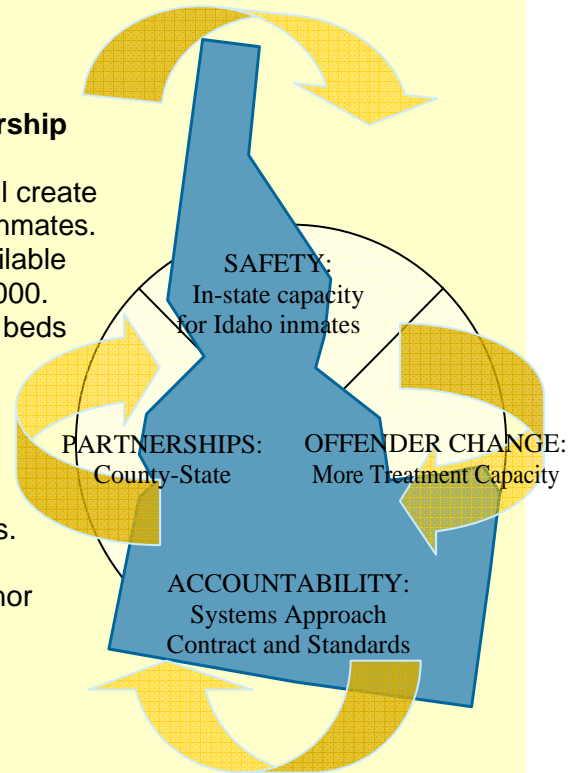


Work underway:

- ◆ Draft contract
- ◆ Establish standards & operational procedures
- ◆ Develop program menu

Coming this legislative session:

- ◆ A proposed increase of the county jail per diem rate from \$40 to \$45.
- ◆ The last rate increase was July 1, 2000 when the rate went from \$35 to \$40.



The County-State partnership incorporates all four aspects of the Idaho Department of Correction's vision for a more cohesive criminal justice system.