

Centers for New Directions

Participant Intake Demographics

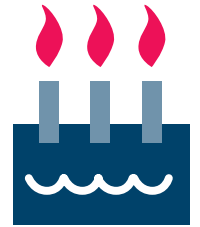
FOR ALL SITES



**203 (50%) EARNED
<\$10,000 ANNUALLY
for their household**



Most participants (137)
were between
25 and 34



35% of participants were
unemployed
prior to working with CNDs



What is a displaced homemaker?

A displaced homemaker is a single parent with primary financial and custodial responsibility for supporting dependent children or someone who worked in the home providing household services for family members and has lost their primary source of economic support. In either case, Idaho's CNDs are designed to help these individuals gain employment skills to earn a living.

Life doesn't always turn out the way you planned. And when it doesn't, Idaho's six CNDs are designed to help single parents and displaced homemakers move on with the job training and skills they need to become self-sufficient.

Less than half of Idaho's single parents are in the labor force, demonstrating a real need for CNDs to connect these individuals with training and careers. These populations face multiple barriers in supporting themselves and their families, including limited job search experience, lack of skills, low motivation, poor self-concept, weak social support, lack of education, alcohol or drug abuse, depression, poverty and a poor economy. Fortunately, each CND is designed to help participants:

OVER 36,000
CONTACT HOURS
with participants
through CND workshops

IN FY 2020 **453**
IDAHOANS
were served by CNDs

- Take action in their lives.
- Eliminate self-defeating behavior patterns.
- Adopt a more positive attitude toward work and school.
- Develop the confidence to work.
- Become financially self-sufficient.

As a result, CNDs enable single parents and their families to leave welfare and join the workforce. Rather than receiving public assistance, they pay state taxes, resulting in substantial savings to the state.

How it Works

Idaho's CNDs are supported by dedicated funds generated by a \$20 fee for each divorce filing, totaling \$136,267 in fiscal year 2020. Each CND is housed at one of Idaho's six technical colleges and collaborates with the Department of Commerce, Department of Labor, Department of Health and Welfare, local job service offices, workforce investment boards, correctional facilities and technical colleges to avoid duplication of efforts and ensure each participant has access to:

- Job counseling services designed to leverage a displaced homemaker's existing skills and job experiences.
- Job training and placement services developed in cooperation with public and private employers.
- Assistance gaining admission to public and private job training programs.
- Health education and counseling services concerning preventative health care, mental health, alcohol and drug addiction and other health care matters.
- Financial management services including assistance regarding insurance, taxes, estate and probate problems, mortgages, loans and other related financial matters.
- Information about courses offering credit through secondary and postsecondary education programs.

CND Success Story

The single parent of three, Sara* knew she needed an education. After meeting with the CND, she decided she wanted to become a medical assistant. She received a CND single parent scholarship and borrowed textbooks from the CND lending library to defray the cost of attendance. Though Sara worked while attending to her school and family responsibilities, her work situation was affected by the coronavirus and her housing situation changed. But thanks to the CND, Sara received hygiene and household items, such as laundry detergent, and gas money to get to and from campus as she completed her program. Sara graduated in May 2020 and is well on her way to self-sufficiency and achieving her career goals.

**Name has been changed.*

