

THINK TANK +

The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

The data is in: community connections are vital during hard economic times. Our kids are in trouble and need immediate relief without using more money.

Communities, such as a workplace, church, club, city program, or neighborhood association all have the right expertise for matching resources, managing communications, and reaching kids. **These are the epicenters for kids.** Also here today are leaders of

agencies – whose programs are overloaded and who now more than ever depend on communities to support their own kids. Together we make a powerful team of **Search + Rescue specialists**. Use your networking time to find ways to mix and match resources. As you think of new ideas, write them on your table top. Today we encourage you to start thinking in uncommon ways to discover uncommon answers for kids in your community. We encourage you to use this forum to **help you implement one great idea now** – through a community base you represent.

Start | Who are you, what do you want to do?

- 8:00 Meet + Greet @ Thomas Hammer with the Mayor**
- Coffee + pastries in the conference room, seating everywhere
 - 8:40 am buddy walk to the Empire Building on 10th Street
- 8:50 Welcome, Linda Jensen, Idaho KIDS COUNT**
- Getting settled in the Empire Room
 - Video Clip with Guidelines, Purpose, Outcomes for today.
 - Team introductions, Purpose, why Idaho KIDS COUNT chose to do a TT.
- 9:00 Lightning Round**
- In 30 seconds or less, please share -- the community or project you represent and your one best idea or success that improved the lives of kids.
- 9:30 Introduction to the Tools, Susan Berning, Portico Group**
- Walk-through of the tool-kit provided
- 10:00 !Hand Off. Two Real-Life Scenarios**
- Hanako Watasuki, College Student, “Imperative #1”
 - Elizabeth Hasbrouck, 8 year old, “Imperative #2”
 - Discussion
- 10:20 Networking Break**

Inventory | Collect what we have, need, know

- 10:30** **Where Are We? - Status of Idaho's Kids, Linda Jensen**
- Report Summary
 - Two threads 1.) quick action and 2.) improving the rules (policy) to help kids.
 - Video!
- 11:00** **Where Are We? - Status of Boise's Communities, Theresa McLeod**
- Great programs and clever ideas working local communities
 - City Programs: what's worked, what doesn't, lessons learned
 - Questions
- 11:25** **!Hand Off. 'I Have, I Need' Exercise, Linda**
- Where are You? Tools to find out.
 - What we mean by matching the I haves with the I needs.
 - Get a little grid going among us to serve as the community "bank of resources."

ThinkTank+ Plan | Dump, sift, sort, create statements

- 11:50** **Working Lunch: Mind Storming + Mind Solving**
- Two video clips to open our minds.
 - The science of creativity.
 - Sift + create
- 1:00** **Strategy Challenge!**
- Small groups: best scenarios for Elizabeth's and Hanako.
- 1:45** **Using Technology + Communications to Start a Movement**
- 1:30 Vince Trimboli ~ Public Information, Boise Clty, Insider Tips to Communications
 - Pantene Inspiration
 - Rebecca Ames ~ Marketing Consultant, Social Media/The New Face of Communications

Debrief + | Evaluate, stories + your 'bite-sized' idea

- 2:15** **Exchanging 'bite-sized' ideas + new resources**
- New discoveries? New ideas? Potential partners?
 - What's the one thing you will do differently for kids when you next go to work?
 - Access videos, tools, blog @ www.idahoKIDSCOUNT.org available November 16th.

Start Again | go bigger, go different, go do, go share.

- 2:55** **Adjourn, Linda**