

# IDAHO METH PROJECT

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### **Qwest Foundation Donates \$25,000 to Idaho Anti-Drug Education Campaign Idaho Meth Project Also Launches New Website that Offers Opportunities to Donate Online**

The **Qwest Foundation** today announced a \$25,000 donation to support a statewide education campaign encouraging Idaho youth to avoid drug use.

The grant will help pay for the various education components of the **Idaho Meth Project**, a program established earlier this year by Governor C.L. "Butch" and First Lady Lori Otter to combat drug use in Idaho.

Governor Otter said financial backing for the effort from companies operating in Idaho is crucial to ensuring its success. "We're very pleased that Qwest has stepped up to support this important effort to help Idaho's kids make good choices and stay clear of drugs and their devastating impacts."

Jim Schmit, Qwest's Idaho president, said the public awareness effort fits with the Qwest Foundation's goal of supporting K-12 and other education programs for school-age youth. "Our children can't succeed in school and life if they aren't making good decisions outside the classroom," Schmit said. "Helping young people make good choices and stay off drugs is a critically important goal for all of us who care about Idaho."

To learn more about the Idaho Meth Project, visit the Idaho Meth Project's new website at [www.idahomethproject.org](http://www.idahomethproject.org). This site features information about methamphetamine, treatment and support resources, along with opportunities to donate to the Idaho Meth Project.

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