# *Part I – Agency Profile*

**Agency Overview**

The Idaho Dental Education Program (IDEP) is Idaho's assisted route of access for dental education. There are currently eight (8) seats available per year for Idaho residents to obtain their dental education. The Program began in 1981 with a cooperative agreement between Idaho State University and The University of Washington School of Dentistry, where five (5) Idaho residents received their dental education. In 1982 the program became a cooperative effort between Creighton University's School of Dentistry in Omaha, Nebraska and Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho. The program involves a decentralized first year of education taught at Idaho State University and the second through fourth years taught at Creighton University.

The program currently has five (5) regular employees and five (5) adjunct employees in Pocatello. Dr. Jeff Ybarguen (IDEP graduate) is the program director. Jeri Larsen is the Department Coordinator and works with both the IDEP program and the Idaho Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program. These programs are located in the same facility at Idaho State University.

**Core Functions/Idaho Code**

The mission of the Idaho Dental Education Program is two-fold: First, to provide residents of Idaho with ready access to a high quality dental education; and second, to help the population of Idaho have ready access to high quality dental professionals. As the majority of students graduating from the program return to Idaho to practice, residents of the state have access to high quality dental treatment. [Statutory Authority: Idaho Code §33-3720]

**Revenue and Expenditures**

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| **Revenue** | **FY 2021** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** |
| General Fund | $1,637,200 | $1,760,500 | $1,825,100 |  |
| Unrestricted Current | $939,300 | $947,600 | $1,015,800 |  |
| **Total** | **$2,576,500** | **$2,708,100** | **$2,840,900** |  |
| **Expenditure** | **FY 2021** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** |
| Personnel Costs | $348,400 | $370,000 | $408,800 |  |
| Operating Expenditures | $69,200 | $63,300 | $72,700 |  |
| Capital Outlay | $1,900 | $0 | $0 |  |
| Trustee/Benefit Payments | $1,419,800 | $1,532,900 | $1,518,900 |  |
| **Total** | **$1,839,300** | **$1,966,200** | **$2,000,400** |  |

**Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided**

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| **Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided** | **FY 2021** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** |
| Number of Program Applicants | 28 | 57 | 24 |  |
| Number of Program Applicants Accepted | 8 | 8 | 8 |  |
| Number of Graduates (since program’s inception) | 270 | 279 | 287 |  |

**FY 2024 Performance Highlights *(Optional)***

One previous IDEP graduate that completed a residency programs and initially began working outside Idaho returned to Idaho to practice during the reporting period.

***Part II – Performance Measures***

| **Performance Measure** | | | **FY 2021** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** | **FY 2025** |
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| **Goal 1**  *Provide access to a quality dental education for qualified Idaho Residents* | | | | | | | |
| 1. Dental education opportunities for Idaho residents comparable to other states:  * Contract for at least 8 Idaho residents per year | actual | | 8 | 8 | 8 | ---------- |  |
| *target* | | *8* | ≥*8* | *10* | 10 |  |
| 1. First Time Pass Rate of National Dental Boards Part I | actual | | 100% | 100% | 100% | ---------- |  |
| *target* | | *>85%* | *>85%* | *>85%* | *>85%* |  |
| 1. First Time Pass Rate of National Dental Boards Part II | actual | | 100% | 100% | 100% | ---------- |  |
| *target* | | *>85%* | *>85%* | *>85%* | *>85%* |  |
| 1. 1st time pass rate on Clinical Board Examination necessary to obtain dental license (Western Regional or Central Regional)\* | actual | | 100% | 100% | 100% | ---------- |  |
| *target* | | *>85%* | *>85%* | *>85%* | *>85%* |  |
| 1. Provide additional opportunities for Idaho residents to obtain a quality dental education\*\*  * Number of students in the program | actual | | 8 | 8 | 8 | ---------- |  |
| *target* | | *Increase number of students per year from 8 to 10* | *Increase number of students per year from 8 to 10* | *Increase the number of students in the program per year to 10.* | *Increase the number of students in the program per year to 10.* |  |
| **Goal 2**  *Maintain some control over the rising costs of dental education* | | | | | | | |
| 1. Provide the State of Idaho with a competitive value in educating Idaho Dentists\*\*\*  * Cost per student compared to national average | | actual | 40% | 41% | 41% | ---------- |  |
| *target* | *<50% national average* | *<50% national average* | *<50% national average* | *<50% national average* |  |
| **Goal 3**  *Serve as a mechanism for responding to the present and/or the anticipated distribution of dental personnel in Idaho.* | | | | | | | |
| 1. Return Rate –Graduates returning to Idaho\*\*\*\* | | actual | 20% | 63% | 67% | ---------- |  |
| *target* | *>50%* | *>50%* | *>50%* | *>50%* |  |

**Performance Measure Explanatory Notes *(Optional)***

**\*** Historically we have always seen a 100% pass rate.

**\*\*** Our goal has been to expand the program to facilitate ten students per year. We currently have eight students per year in the program.

\*\*\* The cost per DDSE (DDS Equivalent) is a commonly utilized measure to evaluate the relative cost of a

dental education program.  This information is tabulated in the *ADA Survey of Dental Education*,

published by the American Dental Association.  From this publication (inflation Adjusted) the national

average cost per student for state programs is $154,006 in 2023.  The IDEP cost per student for 2023

was $62,512 (41% of the national average).  The program is accomplishing the goal of providing a

competitive value in educating Idaho dentists.

\*\*\*\* Our goal is to have greater than 50% of our program participants return to Idaho to practice

Dentistry. Two of the eight graduates in 2023 are furthering their education through post-graduate

residency programs and may return to Idaho at the completion of their residency training.  One graduate

is a resident in the ISU Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at ISU in Pocatello. Four of

the eight graduates in 2023 returned to Idaho. One previous IDEP graduates that completed

residency programs or initially began working outside Idaho returned to Idaho to practice during the

reporting period. The majority of IDEP graduates ultimately return to Idaho.

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