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Brent Reinke has been the Director of the Department of Correction since January 1, 2007. Reinke oversees the department's eight state prisons, two private prisons, four community work centers and seven district probation and parole offices. The Department of Correction manages more than 22,000 offenders. Director Reinke has chaired the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission since it was established by Executive Order in 2005. In his roles as Director and Commission Chair, Director Reinke has worked to develop a systems approach to managing criminal justice issues in Idaho more effectively.

Prior to his appointment to the Department of Correction, Director Reinke served as Director of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. Between 1985 and 1997, Reinke was a Twin Falls County Commissioner and a Filer City Council member. He is a lifetime Idaho resident and has owned and operated several small businesses in the Magic Valley.

Dawn Schatz will be sharing her unique perspective as a part-time librarian at the Clark Fork Branch of the East Bonner County Library District. Dawn moved to Idaho from Chicago via Minneapolis 17 years ago after leaving the medical profession (Nuclear Medicine). “I reinvented myself and began substitute teaching and working at the Clark Fork Library. I think my genuine love for children of all ages and desire to "level the playing field led me to my current
positions as a GEAR-UP coordinator and library tech servicing the youth. I simply want all kids to have the same opportunities, access to resources and support while living in one of the most beautiful areas in the nation.” She has been at the library since 2006, coordinating youth services for children from birth through age 18. She has been a GEAR-UP Coordinator for the past five years. Her school district was recently awarded a second GEAR-UP Grant for seven years allowing the district to include seventh and eighth grade as a cohort. “The 2012 graduating class was my first GEAR-UP cohort to graduate from high school with 22 of the 25 seniors going on to post-secondary education.” Dawn said.

Kay Flowers is the Director of Academic Programs in the Student Success Center at Idaho State University. After working at Rice University for 20 years, she moved to Idaho 14 years ago to become the dean of libraries. Currently holding a BA and MA (Psychology) from Rice University and an MS (Library Science) from the University of Illinois, she is now finishing her doctorate in educational leadership with an emphasis on higher education administration. In her role as director of academic programs, she is in charge of the First Year Seminar and Learning Strategies courses at ISU. Remediation and retention are of particular interest.

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