

# Jennifer Palagi



Jennifer Palagi is a nurse, has a Master of Public Health (MPH), and is a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). She holds degrees from West Virginia Wesleyan College, Idaho State University, and Boise State University. She also holds a Certification in Infection Control & Epidemiology (CIC).

Jennifer serves as a deputy director at the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare (IDHW), with oversight of the Divisions of Public Health and Self-Reliance (Welfare). Jennifer is a member of the Idaho Workforce Development Council, a member of Guiding Idaho Board at Idaho Housing and Finance Association and attends Idaho Commission on Aging commission meetings for IDHW. Jennifer came to IDHW from Saint Alphonsus Health System (17 years), where she was Vice President, Community Health & Well-being, Idaho – Oregon Region. Jennifer led community health initiatives focused on the social influencers of health, with largescale work and partnerships in affordable housing and homelessness interventions.

Jennifer has served her healthcare career in Idaho in various additional disciplines including community nursing, patient safety, infection control, patient satisfaction, quality improvement, occupational health, and public health. These roles were in various settings: public sector (Central District Health), tertiary-care hospital (Saint Alphonsus), corporate-manufacturing company (Micron), government-contracted consulting (Comagine Health), and faith-based settings. Originally from West Virginia, Jennifer moved to Boise 28 years ago. Jennifer lives in Boise with her husband and children - two teen daughters and three young adult nephews. In her spare time Jennifer likes to play with her family and dogs, walk and run races, snowboard, and fly fish with her Dad.