

# 100 BEST COMMUNITIES



## Idaho

### Bonneville County, ID

Bonneville County is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because it offers many opportunities for effective education including internships for the Idaho National Laboratories (INL) and dual enrollment classes, which offer college and high school credits while teaching job skills such as EMT training. School District #91 offers interview skills and financial planning classes and community education classes, while School District #93 partners with the INL to provide students with work opportunities during the day, such as job shadowing.

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### City of Boise, ID

Boise is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because of Life's Kitchen, an innovative approach to engaging youth in learning marketable skills. Life's Kitchen is dedicated to transforming the lives of young adults by building self-sufficiency and independent living through training and placement in the food service industry. Ninety-one graduates are employed and 28 earn more than minimum wage issues.

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### Meridian, ID

Meridian is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) is the voice of youth in Meridian. This 50-member council meets with the mayor twice each month to discuss issues, plan service projects and hone leadership skills. The MYAC was formed in 2004 and elects officers, sets agendas and sets priorities. These young people have opportunities to influence policies ranging from park locations and rules to when drug resistance education fits into our school curriculum.

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## **Nampa, ID**

Nampa is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because of Healthy Families Nampa (HFN), a faith-based collaboration which increases the emotional and financial well being of children. Led by a diverse group of churches and various non-profits and government agencies, HFN is a pilot project of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In its third year, it has benefited well over 1,300 children through its parenting, marital and family counseling and education programs.

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## **Orofino, ID**

Orofino is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because of "Good Morning Orofino," where 75 different groups including businesses, schools, civic groups, churches, boy scouts, etc. meet monthly to discuss the needs of our community. The mayor of Orofino presides over these meetings where youth activities and the need for funding are identified. Implementation of ideas is then delegated to businesses, groups or individuals.

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