

The Idaho Story Told Again!

On April 27, 2006 Cheryl Simpson-Whitaker, Executive Director of A Better Way Coalition will be co-leading a presentation with Aloha Schmid, RN from Nebraska, at the **7th Clinical Team Conference of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, in San Diego** (last September they made a similar presented in Florida.)

Cheryl's segment of the presentation will include exciting news about the Idaho End-of-Life Survey Project (1,180 surveys returned of 3,000 to date) and the Statewide library project on advance directives as well as the story of the development of A Better Way Coalition: Life on Our Own Terms.

Wouldn't you say that Idaho has come a long way since receiving a D+ end-of-life grade, November 2002?

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Cheryl K. Simpson-Whitaker, MSW, Tapestry Consulting: Change Through Collaboration, Boise, ID and Aloha Schmid, RN, Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association, Waco, NE Answering the question "How do we promote compassionate end-of-life care?" is particularly important to people living in rural areas. Limited resources and services impact provision of care. Isolation increases the challenge of living alone for older people and those in ill health. Caregivers are often taxed beyond the breaking point with other family responsibilities. This session highlights the benefits of forming partnerships to address common needs – end-of-life coalition building. Participants will be inspired by stories of successful organizing efforts, learn strategies to engage individuals, agencies and organizations through the NHPCO Caring Connections LIVE Campaign and leave with tools and techniques.