

FAMILY RESOURCES

Designed to help share resources for families, this handout provides services that you and family might be eligible for as well as resources to help navigate raising health children and families.

Child Care Financial Assistance in Wyoming

The Child Care Subsidy Program helps low income families pay for the cost of care when the parent(s) are working or in school. Based on the family's income, the parents will be responsible for paying for part of the cost of care. The Department of Family Services' Child Care Subsidy Program uses a combination of state and federal funds to assist eligible families in paying for the cost of child care while the parent(s) is working or attending an approved educational activity. If the family meets the eligibility criteria, the Department of Family Services pays a portion of the cost of care. Parents are free to choose a child care arrangement that best fits their needs as long as the provider chosen meets certain health and safety requirements.

www.dfsweb.wyo.gov

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

TANF helps needy families achieve self-sufficiency. This is done through a block grant states get to build and run programs, which help needy families. TANF support helps many parents reduce their dependency on government benefits by helping them find and enroll in career training programs while promoting work and marriage and preventing out-of-wedlock pregnancies. All of that encourages the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

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Wyoming Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The cornerstone of the federal food assistance program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides crucial support to needy households and to those moving from welfare to work. SNAP benefits are distributed electronically through the Wyoming Card. SNAP supports better nutrition for low-income households.

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Child Care Assistance Consumer Information

- How to find child care ;
- For health and safety requirements of child care providers;
- Inspection and/or violations history of your child care provider; and
- How to submit a complaint.

Please visit:

<https://sites.google.com/a/wyo.gov/early-childcare-and-licensing>

Head Start in Wyoming

There are 51 Head Start (HS) and/or Early Head Start (EHS) sites in Wyoming serving a total of 2,405 people in Wyoming, primarily children ages 0-5 with a small fraction of pregnant women receiving services prenatally through Early Head Start. The following link is a child services map of access to child care and early education facilities:

<https://sites.google.com/a/wyo.gov/headstartstatecollaboration/child-services-map>

WY Quality Counts!

WY Quality Counts' mission is to raise awareness about why quality child care matters for Wyoming's children, their families and our future.

<http://wyqualitycounts.org> For fun activities you can do with your child "like" them at www.facebook.com/WYQualityCounts

Low Income Energy Assistance (LIEAP)

LIEAP is a state and federally-funded program that helps people pay home heating bills November through June.

The program is open to homeowners and renters. It helps cover the costs of electricity, natural gas, propane, wood, diesel heating oil, coal and pellets when these are used for heating a home

. 1-800-246-4221



Wyoming 2-1-1

2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects callers, at no cost, to information about critical health and human services available in communities around Wyoming.

<https://211wyoming.communityos.org>

Medicaid

Medicaid helps pay for healthcare services for children, pregnant women, families with children, and individuals who are aged, blind or disabled who qualify based on citizenship, residency, family income, and sometimes resources and healthcare needs.

www.wesystem.wyo.gov

Parents as Teachers

To provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

www.wycrp.org/parentsasteachers.html

Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming

Coordinates preventative efforts in Wyoming to reduce incidents of child neglect, physical, emotional and sexual abuse.

www.pcawy.org

Homeless Service

Providing community homeless resources for families.

www.dfs.web.gov

Early Learning Foundations and Guidelines

A document established by a group of experts to be used as:

- a guide to observe young children's development and learning;
- evidence that sharing responsibility for early child care and education is key to success; and
- a framework to help communities guide children from early childhood settings to kindergarten.

www.wyqualitycounts.org/for-providers/early-learning-guidelines-and-foundations/

Child Development Centers

Child Development Centers conduct developmental screenings on children birth through age five. These are quick check-ups to make sure your child is on track.

Contact your local Child Development Center to schedule a screening.

Parent Information Center

A private, non-private organization dedicated to helping families become more active in their children's learning and education

www.wpic.org

Wyoming Vision Collaborative

Establishing and ensuring cohesive, statewide systems of care for childhood vision services.

www.uwyo.edu/wind/vision/

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Serves to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk by providing nutritious supplemental foods, health and nutrition screening and education, breastfeeding support and referrals to healthcare.

www.health.wyo.gov/familyhealth/wic/index.html

Child and Adult Care Food Program

Providing reimbursement for nutritious meals and snacks served to eligible children in child care centers, family day care homes, as well as to eligible adults in adult care centers.

www.edu.wyoming.gov/beyond-the-classroom/nutrition/cacfp

