

**ABOUT US:** In 1965 Wyoming Child & Family Development (WCDF) began providing services for children and families in eastern Wyoming. Children birth through five, their families, and expectant mothers benefit from participation in our programs. We have a reputation for providing high quality early childhood education designed to meet individual and community needs. Services are provided in nine eastern Wyoming counties - approximately 29,000 square miles.

Improving school readiness, engaging families in their child's education, improving family well-being, and collaborating with others remain important priorities. Our services help support each child's education, health, nutrition, social and emotional wellbeing, and mental health. We invest in staff development and improving the quality of interactions to support positive child outcomes. Our data affirms that our results meet, and often exceed, state and national outcome measures.

Program services in 2023-2024 included Head Start, Early Head Start, Discovery Preschool (TANF funded preschool), Early Intervention, and Developmental Disabilities Preschool Services all at no cost to families. In a few locations Preschool Academy (tuition based) opportunities were also available.



### Percent of Eligible Children Served

EHS (Birth - 3 years)	14%
HS (3-5 years)	43%
Families	
Early Head Start (EHS)	201
Head Start (HS)	425
Other Programs	75

### Children are Healthier

Preventative health care supports school readiness.

	Well Child	Dental
EHS	137	151
HS	353	353

**76%** of Early Head Start and Head Start families have at least 1 parent employed or going to school thanks to nurturing, safe, high quality early education for their children.



## Efforts to Support School Readiness

- ★ Experiences and instruction tailored to each child's strength and needs.
- ★ Child engagement in purposeful play, to investigate, explore and learn.
- ★ Ongoing observation and assessment to inform intentional teaching.
- ★ Supporting emotional, behavioral, and cognitive self-regulation.
- ★ Nutritious meals and snacks encourage lifelong healthy choices.
- ★ Individualized Mental Health Supports for children, families and staff.
- ★ Communications with families supports learning at home.
- ★ Family well-being support.
- ★ Specialized support for children with special needs or behavioral challenges.
- ★ Specialized support for children learning English.
- ★ Building parent confidence to be involved in their child's education.
- ★ Building family skills for advocating for their child.
- ★ Supporting families through daily, life, and education setting transitions.
- ★ Establishing strong relationships and sharing data with school districts.

## Partner contributions over \$5000

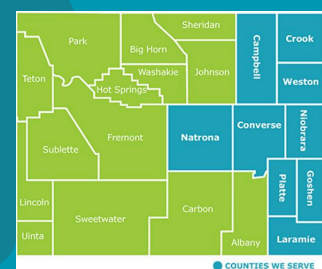
Thank you to the following:  
 Natrona Collective Health Trust  
 Converse County Commissioners  
 City of Douglas  
 Town of Guernsey  
 Match Play Classic

## Parent Engagement Activities

Family Engagement Events  
 Local Family Committees  
 Policy Council

### Developmental Disabilities

Children Served:	216
Screenings:	568



"This institution is an equal opportunity provider"

## Our Mission:

We make a positive difference for young children, families, and communities through partnerships and comprehensive early childhood developmental services.

## Funding

Wyoming Child and Family Development, Inc. has a comprehensive external financial audit completed annually. The results of this most recent audit provided an unmodified opinion. There were no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

### Revenue Summary 2023-24

Gain on Disposal of Net Assets	134,673
Interest Income	10,873
(Contributed Nonfinancial Assets)	
Local In-kind Contributions	130,429
Misc. Revenue	83,520
Local Cash Contributions	212,566
Preschool Academy Tuition	35,017
State Grants	1,818,162
Federal Grants	12,309,131
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>14,734,425</b>

### Expenses Summary 2023-24

Parent costs	6,593
Special Contractual Services	55,905
Transportation and Travel	264,808
Misc. Expenses	96,394
Staff Training	58,240
Utilities and Phones	248,724
Occupancy Costs	553,885
Professional Services	531,935
Depreciation	591,427
Supplies	1,123,708
Employee Benefits	2,861,564
Salaries and Wages	8,045,656
Lease Expense	261,471
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>14,700,310</b>



Families served	701
Employees	254
Volunteers	1035



### Our Vision:

Family, Staff and Community:  
Together we grow children.

### Shared Leadership & Governance

#### Governing Board

- Daniel Sisson - Chairperson
- Elizabeth Roth - Vice Chairperson
- Barbara Frederick - Secretary
- Harla Gilbreath - Treasurer
- Twila Barnette
- Debra Brown
- Jacob Bustos
- Karli Dickson
- Herbert Doby
- Shelly Hagen
- Noamie Niemitalo
- Laura Richins
- Beth Storer
- Thomas Garvie
- Jessie Stull - Policy Council Liaison



Projected Budget 24-25	Annual
Federal Grants	12,555,314
State Grants	1,793,162
Local Cash Contributions	175,000
Interest Income	8,500
Misc. Income	65,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,596,976</b>

### Program Participants

Early Head Start	214
Head Start	450
Discovery Preschool	24
Developmental Disabilities	216
Preschool Academy	22
Pregnant Women	19
Cumulative enrollment	945

### Program Design and Management (PDM)

- Danielle Wondercheck - Executive Director
- Marian Moats - Director of Program Services
- Brooke Miller - CFO/Director of Business Operations
- Gina Olson - Director of Area Coordination
- Melissa Walker - Director of Health & Safety
- Lacy Judkins - Director of Infant & Toddler Instruction
- Kathy Nelson - Director of Preschool Instruction

### Policy Council

- Jessie Stull - Chairperson
- Courtnee Stone - Vice Chairperson
- Michelle Fife - Secretary
- Sheryl Yates
- Taylor Kraft
- Deborah Presfield
- Emily Biggerstaff
- Ashlyn Adams
- Anne Carlsen
- Lisa Finkey
- Brandy Anderson
- Kyle Firkins
- Jenna Firkins
- Mikala Reimer
- Alexis Mair
- James Thornton

Community Rep  
Lacy Hanson



WCFD sites are licensed by the State of Wyoming Department of Family Service. We follow National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Standards. We participate in the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The Office of Head Start conducted a Focus Area 2 Federal Review in April 2022. Results indicate WCFD was compliant in all areas.

WCFD self-reported a safety incident in Oct 2023. The Office of Head Start (OHS) completed a follow-up Risk Assessment Notification (RAN) Review in May 2024. The final report from the review indicated, "The recipient ensures that staff members and other adults connected to the program do not maltreat or endanger the health and safety of children."