



# WCAA Updates Special Edition

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## *Clearinghouse gets 21st century update*

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STARS is a program of the Wyoming Children's Action Alliance. Other programs include Kids Count, Providers Empowering Providers and Pathways for Professional Development

STARS created the clearinghouse to provide alternative training opportunities for those individuals who are unable to locate classes in their local communities.

In the past year, every item in the clearinghouse was reviewed to determine the suitability and quality of the item. This review has resulted in a substantial reduction in the number of items available for your usage. Items that were deleted fell into several categories:

Videos or DVDs less than 30 minutes in length

Books or videos with a copyright that was more than 10 years old

Text books intended to be used in a classroom and have had multiple revisions

Curriculum or "idea books"

Pop culture books that have no evidence-based material nor best practice

Materials that were prepared specifically for parents dealing with child rearing at home

Materials that were created to be presented by an instructor

With the removal of material, we continue to search for current evidence-based and best practice replacements. We encourage you to recommend materials that you have in your personal or program library.

Two new sections have been created for the clearinghouse that do **not** provide credit for usage:

Reference materials. These materials provide ideas or suggestions for activities in the classroom.

Instructor resources--these items are excellent tools that you can use to develop training for your community or your employees.

STARS highly recommends that you review the titles available in the new sections. If you are interested, call and one of the STARS staff will provide an overview of the materials or help you to locate materials on a topic for training.

The staff at STARS is here to assist you in meeting your training needs.

### **EWC Offers Summer Classes in Early Childhood**

Two courses will be offered during the summer session at Eastern Wyoming College, Torrington. Both are online and are articulated with the University of Wyoming and Chadron State. They are EDEC 1020 – Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3) 6/4-7/13 and ITEC 2360 – Teaching with Technology (3) 5/28-7/13.

If providers are interested in registering they can call 1-800-658-3195 ext. 8207 or Kate Steinbock directly at (307) 532-8207. Anyone having questions or needing assistance may also call (307) 532-8339 or email [catherine.steinbock@ewc.wy.edu](mailto:catherine.steinbock@ewc.wy.edu).



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## New Areas of Knowledge Document Available at [www.wykids.org](http://www.wykids.org)

With changes in DFS licensing rules the number of areas of knowledge has changed from eight to seven. The area of uniqueness and cultural awareness has been removed and the requirements for that area were added to Family, Community and Cultural Relations and Child Growth and Development. A new document with examples of how the areas are demonstrated by providers is available at the Wyoming Children's Action Alliance website, [www.wykids.org](http://www.wykids.org). Click on Areas of Wyoming Knowledge Guide to read or download the document.

These new areas of knowledge were approved by the STARS Board of Review at its March 6th quarterly meeting. The document is meant to be a list of useful examples for how the areas of knowledge are used by providers at the entry, journey and master's level. These examples do not cover every possibility but provide tips for instructors and managers on how information in each area might be used by child care

## CDA Renewal Amnesty Program

The Council for Professional Recognition has announced an amnesty program for child care providers who have let their CDA Certificate expire.

If you had a CDA which expired after January 1, 2002 you can get it renewed under this amnesty program. Go to the Council website at [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org) to learn about how to do this.

You will need to purchase the CDA Renewal Packet; pay the renewal fee and meet the following requirements:

- 45 hours of training (4.5 CEUs) or 3 college-credit-hours of training within the last 5 years
- A recommendation from an ECE professional who is familiar with your professional work
- A pediatric first aid certificate
- Membership in an ECE professional membership organization (WECA, PEP, NAEYC, NAFFC)
- A brief letter from a supervisor testifying that you have worked at least 80 hours in the past year



## My CDA doesn't show!

If you have earned a CDA Certificate and want it to be included in your STARS training history you must submit a copy of your CDA certificate to STARS. You can mail or a fax a copy to STARS and it will be entered into your record. STARS only knows that you

## Resources for SIDS Training

Remember with the new DFS rule changes on April 16, 2012, if you care for infants you will need to take SIDS training once every biennium. This training will be handled just as the core training classes are in STARS for all providers who need the training.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers an on-line class. The Academy will allow you to take this class just one time. Download the information about this class at [www.healthychildcare.org/pdf/SIDSmoduleflyer.pdf](http://www.healthychildcare.org/pdf/SIDSmoduleflyer.pdf)

There are two additional resources for SIDS training. That can be repeated in a future biennium. From Rockefeller College in New York go to [http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/elearn\\_catalog.shtml](http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/elearn_catalog.shtml) Course title is: "Preventing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and Promoting Safe Sleeping"

You can also access the "Safe Sleep: Reducing the Risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in Child Care Settings" through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension website at [http://extensiononline.tamu.edu/courses/child\\_care.php](http://extensiononline.tamu.edu/courses/child_care.php)

*All of these classes require that you print the certificate and provide a copy of the certificate to STARS to get credit.*