



# WCAA Updates

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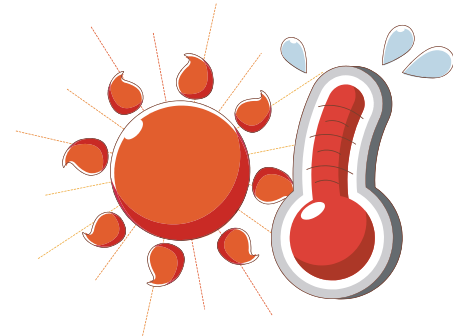
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STARS is a program of the Wyoming Children's Action Alliance. Other programs include Kids Count and Voices for America's Children.

## Thank you! Thank you ! Thank you!

Thank you to the providers in the eight communities we visited for letting us visit and see you and your small people in action as well as the thoughts and opinions you shared in the evening meetings. We were glad to hear that you like the web-based features offered at [www.wykids.org](http://www.wykids.org) for accessing your records, watching the training calendars and other features. We hear you on the desire for new fresh materials for the clearinghouse. We will be working meeting your needs in the coming year.



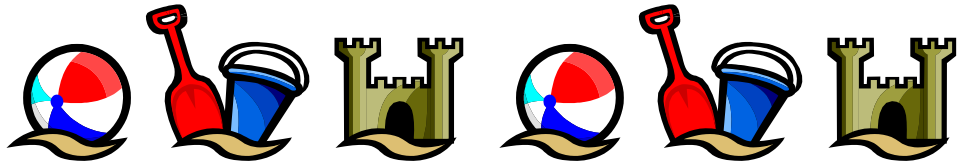
## Look for Instructors by Topic

Looking for instructors in your area? STARS makes it easy to see which classes STARS approved instructors in your area have provided in the past two years. Log-in to the website and click on "Trainer Registry" to search for instructors in your area and you can even specify a the core area of knowledge, if you wish. The list of STARS approved instructors will now allow you to click on the instructor's name to see a list of classes they taught in the past two years. The list of classes may not be comprehensive in some cases.

## Register Now for Stand and Celebrate

Stand and Celebrate brochures with a tentative schedule of sessions can be downloaded from [www.wykids.org](http://www.wykids.org). We are excited about the conference expansion to three days and hope you are able to join us August 12,13, and 14 in Casper. In addition to the sessions in the tentative schedule additional sessions will be available by conference time. Check your conference packet on-site for details. For stipends, registrations must be postmarked by July 30th. Remember this is a professional development opportunity for you and we request that you arrange for someone else to care for infants and children during your conference sessions. **Together we can!**

The photograph contest is the one time a year you have the opportunity to share with the rest of us the exciting things you are doing in your program. Submissions must be received by July 9, 2010 to participate in the contest. Contest guidelines and parental permission forms are available on the Stand and Celebrate page of our website.



### Important Dates:

- WY Quality Counts Scholarship deadlines for college-based work on CDAs or degrees in the fall semester are between July 9 and July 12, depending upon the specific college.
- Photo contest deadline for Stand and Celebrate is July 9.
- Registration deadline for Stand and Celebrate is July 30. Don't forget to make your hotel reservation.



### STARS Board of Review

The STARS Board of Review spent Saturday, May 1, in a retreat session in Riverton, looking at the challenges and changes in the field of child care and what role the board might play in meeting the challenges in Wyoming.

The Board is looking for members to fill expired terms. They include home child care providers or trainers in Region 1 (Laramie, Platte & Goshen Counties) and Region 3 (Natrona, Converse and Niobrara Counties). There is also an opening in Region 6 (Teton, Lincoln, Uinta and Sweetwater Counties) for a home or center-based representative or trainer. Applications form are available at [www.wykids.org](http://www.wykids.org) under STARS Board of Review.

### New Policy on Credit for Instructors Outlined

With the help and input of the STARS Board of Review a new policy to recognize the effort which instructors invest in preparing to teach classes has been developed.

Many instructors in the STARS system are also providers themselves. As a result they need credit within the system for licensing purposes. This policy recognizes that teaching a class is not the same as participating as a student in the class and yet provides credit for the effort of preparing to teach a class.

Instructors may now apply to get credit once for the preparation of a class. This can be a class they have created and prepared themselves or a standardized curriculum they are certified to provide, such as West Ed. Remember classes must be revised and updated two years after each is approved. A simple one page "Instructor Request for Class Preparation Credit" form should be completed by the instructor wanting credit. The lesson plan or learning outcomes for the class must be attached to the form and submitted to Sheila Ricley, Instructor and Class Analyst, at STARS.

For those instructors who prepare and deliver standardized trainings such as CPR, First Aid, or West Ed, they may be granted credit for preparation once each biennium. They must, however, submit a request for credit form to trigger the credit award process.

Instructors may find the form to request credit at [www.wykids.org](http://www.wykids.org).

