



WCAA Updates

Training Issue

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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

Get the training hours you need!

✦ The Department of Family Services, Early Childhood Division, is sponsoring a series of Saturday workshops around Wyoming this fall. Each workshop offers six hours of training in a variety of knowledge areas. Check WCAA's website at www.wykids.org for dates, details and registration deadlines and information. Registration is \$10 for the entire day with lunch provided.

✦ Eastern Wyoming College's Workforce Development office and WY Quality Counts will offer classes through the WEN video system in Torrington, Douglas, Lusk and Newcastle. Other sites may be added on a space available basis. The offerings include eight two-hour classes for \$10 per class. You can call the EWC Workforce Development Office at 307-532-8328 or 532-8366 for dates and to register. Classes will be offered October through early December.

The classes will include:

- Effective Evaluation of Staff
- NAEYC and other Professional Organizations for Early Childhood Professionals
- Recognizing and Referring Children with Developmental Delays,
- Business Planning
- Working with Diverse Families
- Written Agreements for Parents and Providers,
- Help, I'm Stressed!
- Analyzing Profit and Loss in Child Care/Preschool Business

Business Expansion Opportunity

The Town of Burns has space available for lease to a licensed child care business. The town center building has hosted a child care center for some time but the operator is moving on. Mayor Judy Johnstone would like to recruit another provider willing to provide year-round child care in Burns. The space was previously the kindergarten/first grade area of the old elementary school and has child-size plumbing and direct access to the playground area. Any licensed provider interested in expanding to Burns should call Mayor Johnstone at 307-316-0020 or the town clerk, at 307-547-2206 for more information or a tour of the area.



3116 Old Faithful Rd., Ste. 100
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

↪ Other Fall Training Opportunities ↩

↪ Interested in taking a college course?

College courses in early childhood build your early childhood knowledge base and your skills. Each college credit generates 15 hours of STARS credit. Credit can count for licensing, CDA work, and career development.

Eastern Wyoming College has the following courses available in the fall of 2012:

- EDEC 1020 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- EDEC 1100 & 1105 - Observation and Guidance of Early Childhood Ed.
- FCSC 2131 - Family Relationships
- FCSC 2121 - Child Development.

Every other community college in Wyoming also offers early childhood classes and many offer the opportunity to take classes via remote classrooms in their service areas or via internet based classrooms. Each college website has information or call student services at the college in your area for help in understanding what is available.

↪ WY Quality Counts is sponsoring a variety of classes across the state. Align is again offering classes in early literacy and business management. Eastern Wyoming College Workforce Development is also offering classes. Check the training calendar at www.wykids.org to see what is scheduled in your area.

↪ Providers Empowering Providers (PEP) is planning a series of spring workshops focused on topics of interest to home providers. Watch the training calendar for those spring opportunities across the state.

↪ Many local associations and groups are also gearing up their local training calendars for the school year. Remember all public training classes that are approved for STARS credit are immediately visible on the training calendar at www.wykids.org. If your local group or association is planning training consider opening it to all providers in your area.

↪ WECA has a conference planned for Casper on September 21 and 22.

↪ Northwest Community College in Powell and Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne also offer on-line CDA training programs. The next opportunity to join these programs will be in January with the spring 2013 semester. DWS scholarships are available to pay the cost of these programs. You can call WCAA for scholarship and registration information. 1-800-400-3999.

Need a Business Plan to help grow your business?

Interested in growing your business? Not sure how to do that? The Small Business Administration has resources for researching and writing a business plan to help you reach your goals. The Wyoming SBA office in Casper is accessible at 307-261-6500 and on the web at <http://www.sba.gov/>.

The Wyoming Business Council provides business counseling and training and may be reached at 1-800.348.5194 in Laramie or on the web at <http://www.wyomingbusiness.org>.