



WCAA Updates

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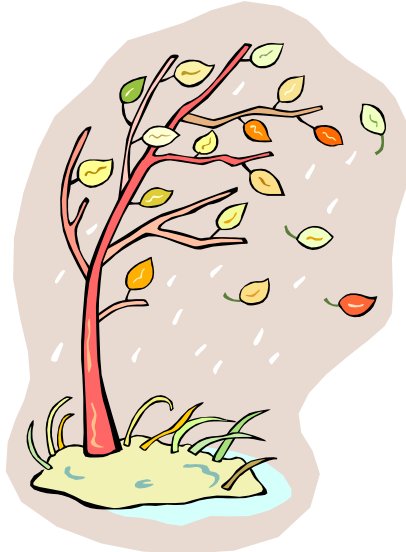
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STARS is a program of the Wyoming Children's Action Alliance. Other programs include Kids Count, Providers Empowering Providers and Pathways for Professional Development



Watch the Web site

— www.wykids.org

Watch the Wyoming Children's Action Alliance website for details on what will be happening with STARS over the coming months as the child care registry transitions from WCAA to its new home.

Remember you can also find the Training Calendar at the website as well as check out materials from the Clearinghouse, and check your personal training history.

College-based CDA certificate training time again

It is time again to think about the CDA certificate training program supported by the WY Quality Counts! program through Laramie County Community College and Northwest Community College.

Anyone interested in gaining the training hours and the professional portfolio required to apply for the CDA certificate from the Council for Professional Recognition can use this approach to earn their CDA.

The WY Quality Counts! program will pay the costs for the two required college courses, books and fees and the \$425 application fee to the Council for Professional Recognition for scholarship recipients.

Classes at LCCC will begin on January 13, 2014 and the scholarship application period is from September 25 through November 29.

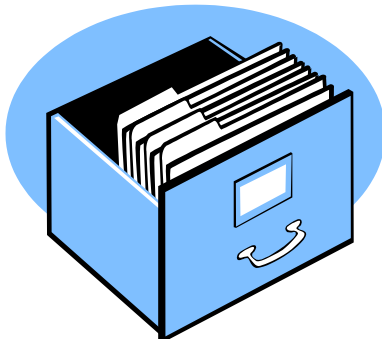
Classes at NWC begin on January 15, 2014 and the scholarship application period is from September 27 through December 1.

All classes at both colleges are on-line and can be completed from anywhere with your computer and a high speed internet connection. Students need to be able to study independently and meet homework deadlines.

Rose Kor at WCAA is available to answer questions about the CDA certificate, the scholarship process and assist with the application process for the spring 2014 semester. The number to call is 1-800-400-3999.



Are there training hours in your drawer?



Have you taken a CPR or First Aid class and just put your card in a drawer or a file for later? If you are doing that you are missing out on two hours of training credit in your STARS record. Both your CPR class and your First Aid class generate one hour each of credit in the knowledge area of Health, Nutrition and Safety.

Make a copy of both sides of your card or of your certificate and mail or fax it to STARS to get that training credit recorded in your record today! The fax number is 307-635-2306.

WY Career Development Program tracks professional progress

The Wyoming Career Development Program was designed to recognize child care providers who make the effort to improve their knowledge and skills in care for young children.

Any child care provider can participate by simply applying to be a part of the program at www.wykids.org and selecting the "Career Development" and "Apply Online" options. Once your application is received the information you provide and your training history will be reviewed to determine where on the career ladder you are.

Everyone participating in the career development program must have current CPR and First Aid trainings reflected in their STARS records and from that point all training and years of experience count toward advancement on the career.

CDA certificates, college courses and college degrees are also recognized and work to advance participants on the ladder. Providers must share a copy of their CDA certificate or the college transcript which lists their degree and date it was awarded to have those items considered for advancement. Verification of degrees and credential are needed for advancement on the career ladder.



Knowledge Area Tip of the Month— Professionalism and Leadership

Rationale: Professionalism involves seeking personal and professional growth opportunities, making decisions, and basing program planning and practice on the best standards and information available.