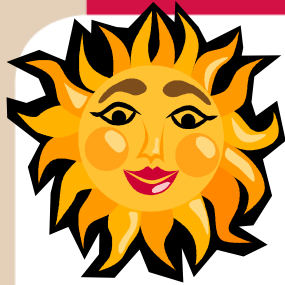




# WCAA Updates

JUNE 2013



## August & September Regional Workshops

Regional workshops sponsored by the Department of Family Services have again been scheduled for weekends in August and September.

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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

City	Location	Date
<b>Cheyenne</b>	Laramie County Community College	August 3
<b>Powell</b>	Northwest College	August 17
<b>Rock Springs</b>	Western Wyoming Community College	September 7
<b>Riverton</b>	Central Wyoming Community College	September 14
<b>Sheridan</b>	Northern Wyoming Community College District, Sheridan Campus	September 28

Watch the WCAA website, [www.wykids.org](http://www.wykids.org), for details on the classes to be offered at each location. Registration for all workshop days will be on-line with a credit card.

Because of the need to schedule rooms and order lunch the registration deadlines will be firm. Late registrations will NOT be accepted. There will be no registration at the door. Registration fees are non-refundable .

### Looking for a specific training and not finding it?

Are you looking for training on a specific topic and or in a specific area of knowledge and not finding it on the Training Calendar?

Did you know that if you find what you are looking for elsewhere you can seek STARS approval for what you have located?

If you find a class or conference you would like to attend and receive STARS credit for, you can call STARS at 1-800-400-3999 and we can support you in getting it approved for credit if the content is focused on early care and education or the operation of a child care business.



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## CDA Scholarship Period Is Open

If you are considering getting your Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate through Laramie County Community College (LCCC) or Northwest College (NWC) now is the time to act. The WY Quality Counts! Scholarship window runs through June and closes in early July.

- At LCCC the scholarship window is from May 8 through July 12 with classes beginning on August 26.
- At NWC the scholarship window is from May 8 through July 12 with classes beginning on August 26.

At both community colleges all the classes for the CDA program are online so any child care provider statewide who is interested in this program and has a DSL computer connection can access the classes. At both colleges CDA candidates need to take two classes during the semester and successfully complete both to gain the training credit needed to apply for the CDA Certificate.

Scholarship applications from WY Quality Counts! program may be completed and will pay the entire cost of the program including the application and testing fees for the CDA program operated by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, DC for students that successfully complete these classes. Students must pass their classes, complete the CDA application process and continue to work in licensed child care for 500 hours as part of their WY Quality Counts! scholarship agreement.

The Career Development Program at the Wyoming Children Action Alliance provides individual support to child care providers who are interested in applying for the scholarship, registering for the college classes and completing the CDA application steps.

For more information on the program, how to apply and the requirements call Rose Kor at WCAA, 1-800-400-3999.

## Pathways for Professional Development Classes

One additional Pathways I class will be available in the Fall 2013 in one of three counties in Wyoming if at least six people in one community are interested in registering for the class. The counties in which classes could be offered include Albany, Natrona and Sheridan.

If you are a licensed child care provider and live in Albany, Natrona or Sheridan county call Sarah Horen, instructional coordinator at 1-800-400-3999 to get the details about the class and register.

Pathways for Professional Development is a three-part class series which prepares licensed child care providers to apply for their Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate. The program is sponsored by the WY Quality Counts! program and coordinated through the Career Development Program at the Wyoming Children's Action Alliance. Each Pathways class is 40 hours and is taught over one semester. All classes are taught evenings or weekends and the schedule is determined by the class members and the instructor.

**Knowledge Area Tip of the Month— Guidance and Discipline**  
**Rationale: Children grow and learn continually through their experiences.**