



WCAA Updates

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STAFF UPDATES:

- **Deanna Chafin** has accepted a position with the State of Wyoming. We want to personally thank her for her years of service and wish her the best of luck in her new position.

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Apprentice and CDA Opportunities

Providers interested in becoming a Child Care Development Specialist apprentice or earning a Child Development Associate certificate, opportunities await you.

Apprentice programs are available at Laramie County Community College, Casper College, Sheridan College and Northwest College in Powell. You may find the same classes offered at other Wyoming colleges which may better meet your needs. If so, let us discuss the potential of utilizing classes more readily available to you.

Courses designed for providers to demonstrate an understanding of the CDA Competencies and to prepare for the CDA Assessment process, are available at LCCC (on campus) and Northwest College (on-line).

While we are on the topic of early child care education, did you know the following college certificates or degrees are available?

- **Casper College** and **Central Wyoming** in Riverton offer Associates of Applied Science and Associates degrees.
- **LCCC** and **Eastern Wyoming College** offer Early Childhood Education Associates degrees.
- **Northwest College** offers a one year ECE certificate and an Associates degree.
- **Sheridan College** offers a two year EC Certificate and an Associates of Applied Science.
- **Western Wyoming College** offers an Associates degree in Elementary Ed. with Early Childhood concentration.

All programs qualify for a Wyoming Quality Counts scholarship.

Interested parties are asked to contact Mike Broad at Wyoming Children's Action Alliance.

Career Development Restructuring

Thank you to the providers whom have shared your concerns, ideas, and suggestions regarding processes of Career Development. Good news, not only have we heard you, but we are involved with other committees to develop a new look and new opportunities for early child care professional development. We want to continue to hear from you, please send me your ideas, thoughts and suggestions. I will take this information to the committee meetings and work to incorporate

your ideas with the committee member's ideas.

Please share with me at:

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do providers acquire a STARS ID number?

Once a provider employed in a Wyoming licensed child care center or home receives Orientation Training, the training evaluation form is sent to STARS. Once the evaluation information is entered into the STARS database, a STARS ID number is assigned to the provider. An ID card is sent out, the 1st of the next month, containing the provider's STARS ID number, username and password.

How do I acquire training hours?

Training hours may be earned from trainings found on the training calendar and/or by earning hours utilizing Clearinghouse materials. The Training Calendar and Clearinghouse materials are located on WCAA's web site.

Clearinghouse materials may be checked out via the web site or by contacting Jessica Taylor by phone, e-mail or letter.

Do I need to send an evaluation form for CPR and First Aid?

No. First Aid and CPR credit is awarded once copies (front and back) of the First Aid/CPR cards are received at WCAA.

What do I need to do to become a trainer?

Trainer applications are available on our web site under the STARS topic Trainers. Complete the application online and send to us, by e-mail or hard copy, the required resume, transcripts, and certificates. Once the application process is completed, the documentation will be evaluated for approval. A letter is then sent indicating approval or reasons as to why the training was not approved.

If I need training hours entered immediately, can I fax the evaluation form in before mailing the material back?

Yes, only as long as the materials are not overdue. If the materials are overdue, credit will not be awarded until the materials are received in our office.

We greatly appreciate your questions and are happy to provide the answers in this segment. Send your questions to mbroad@wykids.org for use in future newsletter issues.

*The WCAA staff wishes you and yours
a happy and safe holiday season!*