



Wyoming Children's Trust Fund

Joint Appropriations Report

2019-2020

Vision

WY children will thrive in healthy families and strong communities

Mission

Connecting and supporting children and families to promote success and prevent child abuse and neglect.

Wyoming Children's Trust Fund (WYCTF) was established in 1994, W.S. 14-8-101 through 108, to provide funding for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Wyoming Department of Family Services (DFS) serves as the fiscal agent for the Governor appointed board. There are five Governor appointed members, one designee from DFS, one designee from Wyoming Department of Education, and one designee from Wyoming Department of Health. In 2020, WYCTF hired two state employees to perform the operations of the board.

Board Membership:

Board Chairperson: Chuck Kratz

Board Vice Chairperson: Lynn Huylar

Board Treasurer: Marguerite Herman

Board Secretary: Jo Ann Numoto

Parent Representative: Currently Vacant

Governor State Agency Designees:

Wyoming Department of Family Services: Debra Hibbard

Wyoming Department of Education: Jo Ann Numoto

Wyoming Department of Health: Guy Beaudoin

Staff:

Sara Serelson, Executive Director

Office Coordinator, Nicole Neider

During the 2018 legislative session, the vital records fee of \$5.00 was reinstated through revisions of W.S. 14-8-104 and W.S. 35-1-428. Spending authority was unclear in the 2018 revisions, therefore during the 2019 legislative session, spending authority was granted through the establishment of an income account which separated operational funds from the corpus account and provided 25% of the vital records surcharge to be utilized for operations. Pursuant to 2019 Wyoming Session Laws Chapter 114, Section 3(a), the amount for transfer from Fund 102 to Fund 202 (the new Children's Trust Fund Income Account) was \$186,265.40, which consists of FY19 interest earned of \$156,412.53 under subsection (i), and FY19 donations and miscellaneous private sources of \$29,852.87 under subsection (ii). As of October 19, 2020 the amount in Fund 102 is \$6,089,175.34.

Additionally, the WYCTF Board, the Governor's Budget Division, and Department of Family Services Administration have collaborated to ensure structural stability and efficiencies related to operations of WYCTF. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been established between DFS and the WYCTF Board which clearly outlines the expectations of both organizations as it relates to operations and fiscal oversight of WYCTF.

Wyoming Children's Trust Fund Operations:

WYCTF supports primary and secondary child abuse prevention efforts across the state. WYCTF manages several internal initiatives, coordinates with Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) to provide the *My 307 Wellness App* which assists families in managing their healthcare needs, coordinates with training initiatives to provide education to professionals throughout the state working with families and children at risk, and offers grant funding to local communities for prevention efforts based on local needs.

WYCTF became the Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming (PCAWY) Affiliate in July of 2018. Initiatives of PCAWY have been absorbed into the operations of WYCTF. These programs include Safe Sleep Wyoming, Shaken Baby Campaign, and a resource library.

Additionally, WYCTF offers trainings and outreach opportunities related to identifying child abuse and early trauma, building Protective Factors in families, preventing sleep related deaths, preventing shaken baby syndrome (Abusive Head Trauma), screening for developmental milestones, and preventing and identifying domestic violence. WYCTF also co-sponsors and facilitates several statewide conferences including the Wyoming Joint Symposium for Youth and Families and the Wyoming Prevention and Response Conference.

Grant opportunities for fiscal year 2019-2020 include;

- Local Child Protection Team (CPT) Prevention Grants
 - This is a two-year funding cycle. Local CPTs received \$5,000 for prevention planning in Year 1 and received \$7,500 in Year 2. Prevention plans must address at least one category from the comprehensive statewide Needs Assessment conducted by the Wyoming Children's Trust Fund. Year 3 of grants will be distributed, with approved plans from the Board of Directors.
 - Approved areas include:
 - Improving access to affordable, quality childcare
 - Improving access to affordable and available housing options
 - Improving access to mental health and substance abuse treatment
 - Improving access to affordable and available transportation
 - Expanding knowledge of available resources
 - Local Child Protection Teams experienced difficulties because of Covid-19 in spending the grants and have been provided an extension to spend the funds until March 31, 2020.
 - Year three of funding will include additional Technical Assistance and Training support around Primary Prevention, ACES, and Protective Factors for any community wanting to engage in prevention planning; as well as efforts to engage Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone in prevention planning activities.

Funding Priority	Grantee
Wyoming's Children Initiative-Trauma Informed Practices (Adverse Childhood Experiences and Protective Factors)	Internal Project
Safe Sleep	Internal Project
Shaken Baby	Internal Project
Neglect Prevention Campaign	Internal Project
Fatherhood Initiative	Internal Project (WYCTF received a \$10,000 grant to launch the project)
Primary Prevention Education Conferences-Outreach	Internal Project Sponsorship of the Wyoming Joint Symposium Co-Facilitate Wyoming Prevention and Response Conference (Division of Victim Services and Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault)
My 307 Wellness App (Previously Family Health App)	Internal Project
Child Protection Team Local Prevention Grants	Year One: \$5,000 Year Two: \$7,500 Year Three: \$7,500
	Uinta County Extension of 2nd Year Funding
	Laramie County Extension of 2nd Year Funding
	Sweetwater County Extension of 2nd Year Funding
	Platte County Extension of 2nd Year Funding
	Hot Springs County Extension of 2nd Year Funding
	Washakie County Extension of 2nd Year Funding
	Natrona County Extension of 2nd Year Funding
	Carbon County Extension of 2nd Year Funding
	Park County Extension of 2nd Year Funding
First Round Funding Only	Johnson County
First Round Funding Only	Sheridan County

In 2019, only nine of the eleven counties are moving into the second year of funding (highlighted in the chart). Johnson and Sheridan Counties did not move into the second year of funding due to staffing issues which limited capacity to participate.

Proposed Budget for BFY19-\$675,622 and for BFY21-\$703,068