



# 2020 in Review

## Wyoming

## CBCAP



# Structural Growth

## From ZERO staff to TWO staff

WYCTF has made significant structural progress throughout 2020. As of July 1, 2020 the Wyoming Legislature approved WYCTF's request for two state of Wyoming positions; one Executive Director and one Office Coordinator.

On September 1, 2020 Sara Serelson began as the Executive Director. On November 12, 2020 Nicole Neider began as the Office Coordinator. The two staff positions allow for expanding prevention efforts across Wyoming.



Sara Serelson and Nicole Neider planting pinwheels at the Wyoming State Capitol

*WYCTF's board is composed of a diverse group of individuals including:*  
*The Director of the department of family services designee;*  
*The State Superintendent of public instruction designee;*  
*The Director of the department of health designee;*  
*A parent representative;*  
*A person knowledgeable in the area of child abuse prevention;*  
*A person knowledgeable in social work;*  
*A person knowledgeable in education; and*  
*A person knowledgeable in juvenile justice.*

### **Staff:**

*Sara Serelson, Executive Director*  
*Nicole Neider, Office Coordinator*




# Parent Voice through Parent Cafes



**2020-2021**

Wyoming Children's Trust Fund, Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming presents:

**WYOMING PARENT TRENDS**

Gathered from 30 Virtual Parent Cafe events throughout Wyoming.


**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:**  
Wyoming Citizen Review Panel  
Wyoming 2-1-1  
Magellan Health  
Parent Information Center  
Wyoming Governor's Office




**WHAT WYOMING PARENTS SAY THEY NEED:**

Transportation  
Services in remote areas  
Medical care  
Language/Interpretations  
Disability access


Fatherhood programs  
Affordable housing  
Family activities  
Affordable child care



**COMMON BARRIERS**




Finances  
Transportation  
Availability  
Awareness of Services



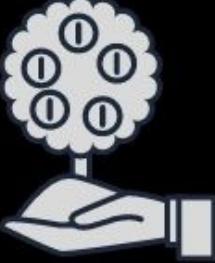
**IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS**



- Parent support programs
- Life skill classes for all ages
- Suicide Prevention programs
- Programs for teenagers
- Community celebrations



**COMMON SUPPORTS**

Schools  
Home Visiting  
Department of Family Services  
Telehealth  
Child Development Centers  
Wrap Around services





WYCTF, in partnership with Wyoming 2-1-1, Magellan Health Wrap Around, Wyoming Citizen Review Panel, Wyoming Parent Information Center, and the Wyoming Governor's office hosted 30 virtual parent café meetings from November 2020 through February 2021.

Main themes from parents across Wyoming is the need for transportation, expanded services in remote areas, medical care (routine and specialized), interpretation services, disability services, fatherhood programs, affordable housing, affordable family activities, and affordable child care. Common barriers, stated by Wyoming parents, include: finances, transportation, availability, and awareness of services.

Wyoming parents most frequently listed the following as supports within their communities: schools, home visiting programs, Department of Family Services, child development centers, wrap around services, and the expanded telehealth services during the Covid-19 pandemic.

When parents were asked for ideas and suggestions, the following themes arose: parent support groups, life skills classes for all ages, suicide prevention programs, programs and supports for teenagers, and community celebrations.

WYCTF facilitated the first Wyoming Spanish speaking parent café in March of 2021, and an additional Spanish speaking parent café is scheduled for April 2021. Additional opportunities to gather input from Spanish speaking parents will continue throughout 2021, as well as incorporating feedback. Specific themes presented by the Spanish speaking parents include, and were not limited to: interpretation services and support for parents, knowledge of Spanish speaking available services, and fear of engaging in services affecting immigration status of the parent.





# Community Collaborations Child Protection Teams

Grant opportunities awarded to 9 community based child protection teams to support individualized, community identified prevention plans across Wyoming.

**Teams include community representatives from Department of Family Services, Public Health home visitation, Parents as Teachers, Schools, Mental Health Providers, Interfaith organizations, and other local partners.**

**Laramie County  
Platte County  
Carbon County  
Sweetwater County  
Uinta County  
Hot Springs County  
Natrona County  
Park County  
Washakie County**

**Reaching!**

**More than 2000 Wyoming families**

**382 Children with Disabilities**

**225 Parents with Disabilities**



**Monthly Technical Assistance and brainstorming to support child protection teams.**



**Emphasizing Primary and Secondary Prevention across Wyoming**