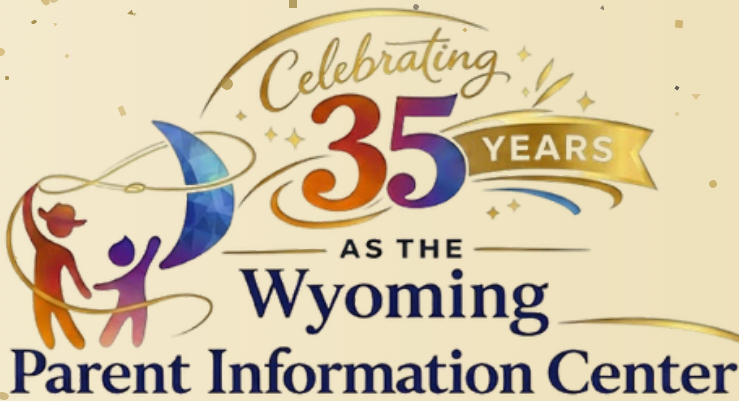


# Stronger in the Classroom & Beyond



a project of Parents Helping Parents of Wyoming, Inc.  
*Strong parents, thriving children, resilient communities.*

September 19, 2026 | 8:00am — 5:00pm

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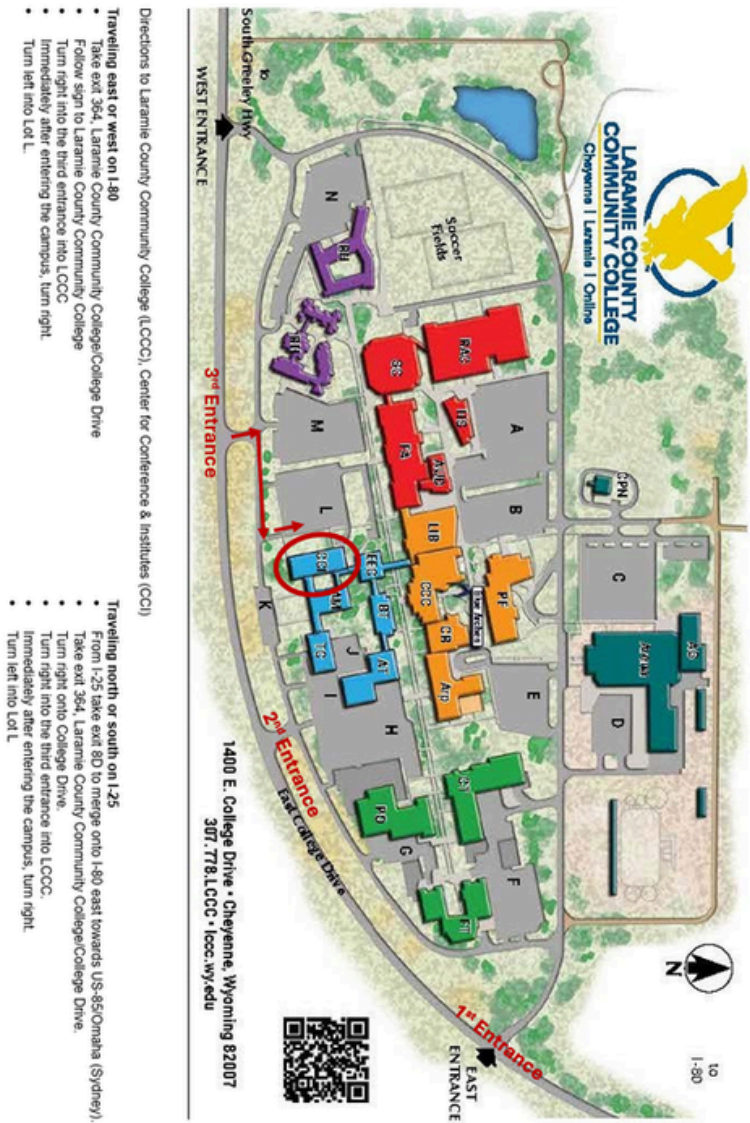
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# Conference Agenda

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| Registration and Vendor Fair                               | 8:00 am - 8:30 am   |
| Welcome: Building a Better Tomorrow, Starting Today        | 8:30 am - 9:00 am   |
| Keynote Presentation: Stronger in the Classroom and Beyond | 9:00 am - 10:00 am  |
| Breakout Sessions                                          | 10:15 am - 11:00 am |
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| Lunch & Vendor Fair                                        | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  |
| Breakout Sessions                                          | 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm   |
| Breakout Sessions                                          | 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm   |
| Snack & Real Talk on Transition: A Panel Discussion        | 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm   |
| Keynote Comedy Show: Make Belief                           | 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm   |
| Honoring PIC's Legacy & Raffles                            | 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm   |

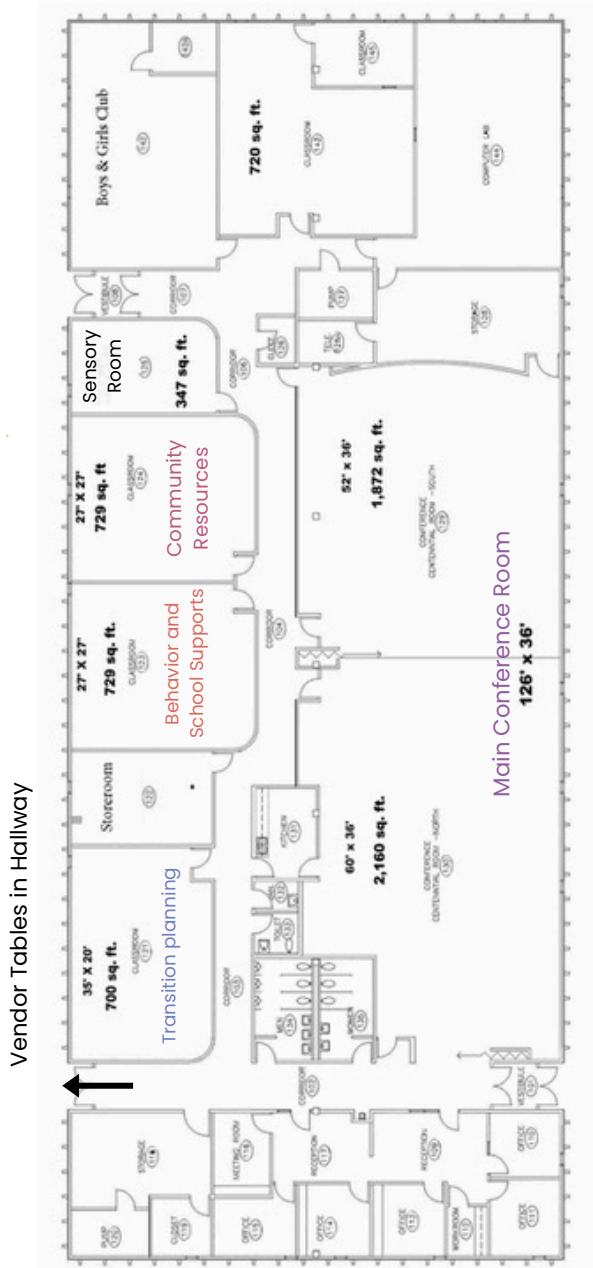
# Conference Map



Conference Registration, Meals, and all Sessions will be in the Center for  
Conferences & Institutes (CCI) Building



## Conference Map (Inside)



Dear Conference Attendee,

Welcome to the 2026 PIC Conference! Whether you traveled across the state or just down the street, I am truly happy you are here and part of this wonderful community.

Last year, I welcomed you as the newly appointed Executive Director. I joked that I hoped the title would stick, and I'm thrilled to say I am keeping my promise to stay put! Serving in this role has been an absolute joy.

This past year has been one of incredible growth for the Parent Information Center. We have spent the year building bridges and strengthening connections with local school districts. By collaborating closely with educators and administrators, we are creating stronger, more unified support systems for our families.

As always, we believe families are at the heart of every child's journey. Our mission remains steadfast: to encourage, educate, and elevate parents to become advocacy experts, maximizing the benefits of education and achieving positive outcomes through proper services and supports.

Bringing this event to life takes a village. My deepest gratitude goes to our dedicated staff, board members, and our wonderful volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. I also want to extend a special thank you to our generous sponsors, vendors, and exhibitors for helping make this conference possible and connecting families with vital resources. Finally, to our keynote speakers and presenters: thank you for sharing your knowledge and leading these important conversations.

This conference is a space to feel seen, heard, and supported. My hope is that today you will make new connections, gain useful insights, and leave feeling encouraged and equipped to move forward.

Please don't hesitate to say hello. I would love to meet you or catch up if we've met before. Thank you for being such an important part of our community.



Krystyne Ethridge  
Executive Director  
Wyoming Parent Information Center

## Celebrating 35 Years and Honoring Our Legacy of Leadership



### **Terri Dawson | Founder & Executive Director | 1990 - 2019**

In 1990, I founded Parents Helping Parents so other families in WY could get the support we got, in Buffalo, after our son was born with Down Syndrome. After getting funding for PIC in 1991, I was lucky to be able to run PIC for so many years. I loved my job, and the families and am so thankful PIC has continued to thrive to support more families in the future!



### **Erin Begin (Swilling) | Executive Director | 2019 - 2021**

I am currently the Special Education Director/Assistant Director at STRIDE Learning Center. Prior to my work at STRIDE, I was the Coordinator and then Executive Director of the Parent Information Center for four years. My favorite part of working for PIC was connecting with families and helping others in their Special Education Journey.



### **Jennifer Rawlings (Figenser) | Executive Director | 2021 - 2024**

It was an honor to serve an organization that was started by a determined mom and grew to help families and children throughout Wyoming. Seeing the generosity of people across the state of Wyoming was one of the most rewarding experiences of my career.



### **Jacqueline Frankson | Executive Director | 2024 - 2025**

I am a committed advocate for students with disabilities and my advocacy is deeply personal, rooted in my role as a caregiver for my son, who has disabilities. In April 2024, I became Executive Director of PIC, work I loved and felt was a true extension of my own family's journey. Wherever I serve, my mission stays the same: empowering students with disabilities and championing their right to quality education and comprehensive support.



### **Krystyne Ethridge | Executive Director | 2025 - Present**

I absolutely love PIC and the incredible work being done here. I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a meaningful mission. I hope that every single day, my deep passion for our goals shines clearly through in everything I do. Being surrounded by such an inspiring team only fuels my dedication further. I am so excited for our future and everything we will continue to accomplish together!

## Meet the Parent Information Center Staff



**Krystyne Ethridge**  
Executive Director

Krystyne is a parent of two, a former special education teacher, and a caregiver for individuals with special needs. She has been with the Parent Information Center since October 2022. She is passionate about improving the lives of families in Wyoming through various parent training opportunities and community outreach.



**Crystal Benson**

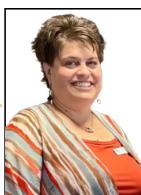
Administrative Assistant

Crystal provides general support, guidance, resources, and training to families across the state. Her mission and vision are to ensure that all parents have the comprehensive understanding and essential resources needed to advocate effectively and confidently for their children's unique educational needs.



**Ayni Garza**  
Family and Community Trainer

With degrees in Elementary and Secondary Education and Creative Writing, Ayni is passionate about fostering growth and building connections. As an OPL for the Wyoming Parent Information Center, she is excited to support families, educators, and communities in creating positive outcomes.



**Laureena Houchin**  
Outreach Parent Liaison

As a mother of five and former PIC client, Laureena is eager to work with families across Wyoming. With degrees in Early Childhood Education, Professional Child Development, and a Master's in Education, she offers valuable experience in both physical and virtual classrooms to the parents that she serves.



**Tiffany Herring**  
Outreach Parent Liaison

With over 10 years of experience in special education and a master's degree in the field, Tiffany is passionate about supporting students and families through collaboration and education. When she's not working, she enjoys spending time with her family outdoors exploring Wyoming's beautiful landscapes, reading, and riding her Peloton.



**Laura Mercer Wetzel**  
Outreach Parent Liaison

Laura is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) with several years of experience working with children and families. As a mom of 5, some with their own disabilities, Laura looks forward to supporting parents in navigating and understanding the educational system to better advocate for themselves and their children.

## Meet the Parent Information Center Board of Directors



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## Keynote Speaker Biographies

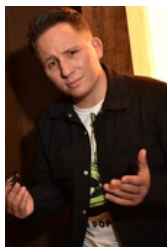


### Christine Manning

Christine is passionate about empowering administrators, educators, and families to effectively support children who demonstrate challenging behaviors through evidence-based practices delivered with compassion and care. She currently serves as a behavior and special education consultant for schools throughout Wyoming and Utah and contracts with the Wyoming State Board of Education and the Utah State Center for Schools of the Future Behavior Consultation and Support Team.

Christine is a sought-after speaker at conferences throughout the Western United States, where she enthusiastically shares practical strategies that help educators and families better understand, teach, and support children. She is dedicated to preparing the next generation of educators and empowering parents with the knowledge and tools needed to create meaningful change.

Through consultation, training, and individualized support, both online and in person, Christine partners with families of children with and without disabilities. She is deeply committed to ensuring that children with disabilities are truly “seen,” understood, and supported in living happy, fulfilling lives at home, in school, and within their communities.



### Dominic Syracuse

Dominic Syracuse is an actor, stand-up comedian and cognitive behavioral specialist. Through his company, Cognitive Behavioral Theater, he has blended acting and improv techniques with CBT principles and leads workshops all over the country for hundreds of organizations. He is also the creator of “Comedy that Cares,” a monthly comedy fundraiser to raise money for nonprofits in Wyoming.

## Panel Speaker Biographies



### **Victoria Abplanalp**

Victoria works with several organizations within our state and has been on the PIC board since January 2026, recently being voted in as PIC secretary. Victoria has gained firsthand experience regarding the challenges families face when navigating the special education landscape as well as the mental healthcare and disabilities fields.



### **Liberty Hicks**

Liberty is a strong advocate for herself and others. She currently works for The Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND) as a research associate and advocate. She is autistic and that gives her a different perspective on what it means to have a disability. She believes that it helps her in her work as she is able to share what it is like to have an invisible disability.



### **Heather Hirsch**

Heather is an elementary special education teacher with ACSD1. She is also the mother and nana of individuals with special needs/autism. Heather is passionate about providing support and education to students and their families. She enjoys teaching self-advocacy and interpersonal skills in order to encourage students to engage in their communities.



### **Jessie Reeves**

Jessie is a passionate advocate in Cheyenne, WY, inspired by her two sons with disabilities. A former PHP/PIC client, she now studies cosmetology to help young individuals with disabilities learn self-grooming skills. Actively involved with the local school district, she empowers parents about IEP rights and collaborates with businesses to create "Sensory Friendly" experiences.

## Conference Speaker Biographies



### **Breanna Batista**

Breanna Batista, MMS, CRC, is the Transition Consultant for the Wyoming Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). In her role, she supports DVR staff, educational programs, other state agencies, and community stakeholders statewide in developing and implementing pre-employment transition services (Pre-ETS) for students with disabilities.



### **Kim Caylor**

Kim Caylor is the Unit Manager for the Early Intervention and Education Program at the Wyoming Department of Health. She has a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with an Early Childhood Special Education endorsement and concentration in Early Childhood Education. She is also credentialed as a Certified Public Manager.



### **Penny Davis**

Penny Davis has been with the state of Wyoming for 19 years. Her current role is as a staff member with the Wyoming Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. One of her responsibilities in this role is to provide information and assistance to those who are interested in WYABLE accounts.



## Conference Speaker Biographies



### **Danielle Farino**

Danni Farino is a Community Outreach Coordinator at the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND) where she supports education and family programs, including UW Project ECHO networks, Family to Family work, and the Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado and Wyoming. Danni is also a Charting the LifeCourse Ambassador.



### **Cari Glantz**

Cari Glantz is the Education and Families Program Lead for the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND) and coordinates activities for ECHO for Families, the Wyoming Family to Family Health Information Center, and Act Early Wyoming. Cari is also the CDC's Act Early Ambassador to Wyoming and a Charting the LifeCourse Ambassador.



### **Megan Hesser**

Megan Hesser is a director of WYO Right to Read and founder of Hesser Literacy Partners. A parent-advocate, her work focuses on closing the knowledge gap around dyslexia and ensuring families and educators understand how children learn to read. She brings both lived experience and professional literacy expertise to advocacy efforts aimed at early identification, structured literacy instruction, and statewide education reform.

## Conference Speaker Biographies



### **Shelby Kappler**

Shelby Kappler, B.A., is an Assistive Technology Program Specialist at the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities. She works on the Accessible Educational Materials project, which provides resources and assistive technology to students and educators throughout Wyoming. She believes that education should be accessible to all students, no matter their learning style.



### **Trina Kilty**

Trina Kilty is a Special Education Program Consultant for the Special Education Programs Division at the Wyoming Department of Education. Her background includes more than 25 years in education.



### **Jenny Lok**

Jenny Lok, OTD, OTR/L, is a mental health occupational therapist at Wyoming Behavioral Institute with more than a decade of experience helping people understand how mental health, trauma, sensory processing, and nervous system regulation affect everyday life.



### **Annie McGlothlin**

Annie McGlothlin is a co-founder of WYO Right to Read, a longtime advocate for children's rights, and a paralegal with decades of experience navigating special education and disability systems. Her advocacy is rooted in both professional expertise and personal experience raising and supporting family members with disabilities, including a grandson with dyslexia.

## Conference Speaker Biographies



### **Chandra Ortiz**

Chandra Ortiz is the Navigation Programs and Community Impact Manager for Wyoming 211, where she leads statewide navigation programs, community partnerships, grant implementation, outreach, and program evaluation.



### **Taylor Perea**

Taylor Perea has been a Case Manager with Align Services for almost a year, reaching her one-year mark this November. She works with DD Waiver and CCW Waiver clients, helping coordinate services, navigate Medicaid, connect individuals with resources, and advocate for their needs. She is passionate about supporting individuals and helping them reach their goals.



### **Chandel Pine**

Chandel Pine is a literacy advocate and founder of Paul's Mountain – Advocacy for Literacy. Her work is driven by deeply personal experience after losing her son, Paul, whose struggles with reading and access to effective instruction impacted his mental health. She now advocates for systemic change so no child is left without the ability to read. As a director with WYO Right to Read, she focuses on ensuring schools provide evidence-based, structured literacy and that families understand their rights.

## Conference Speaker Biographies



### **Joseph Sanchez**

Joseph 'JJ' Sanchez serves as the Independent Living Program Manager at Wyoming Independent Living. At Wyoming Independent Living, JJ supports individuals in achieving their independent living goals through advocacy, peer support, accessibility, and skills training.



### **Deana Smith**

Deana Smith serves as an Education Consultant in the Special Education Programs Division of the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE), where she coordinates statewide professional development initiatives supporting special education professionals across Wyoming. She holds a Master's degree in Education with an emphasis in Reading and a Bachelor's degree in Special Education.



### **Chameen Stratton**

Chameen Stratton, Accessibility Relationship Manager with T-Mobile / Wyoming Relay, partners with state agencies and community organizations to increase awareness and access to Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS).

## Conference Speaker Biographies



### **Sara Vigneri**

Sara Vigneri, COTA/L, is an occupational therapy assistant at Wyoming Behavioral Institute with eight years of experience supporting patients through creative, individualized, and trauma-informed care. She combines continued clinical development with a holistic perspective, recognizing that meaningful support begins with understanding each person's experiences, strengths, and individual needs.



### **Virginia Vogt**

Virginia is a case manager in Casper, Wyoming, and she is a team member with Align Services providing quality and person-centered case management for Align Services. She moved to Casper four years ago from Boise, Idaho, and has found her passion in helping others navigate the Medicaid process. Her background is in early education.



### **Terri Wofford**

Terri Wofford, M.S. Speech Language Pathologist, faculty member, and manager for the Wyoming Assistive Technology Resources (WATR) program. Terri provides information/assistance, device demonstrations, device loans, trainings, technical assistance, funding information, and supports Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and Assistive Technology (AT) assessments through team collaboration and consultation.

## **Keynote Session Descriptions**

### **Stronger in the Classroom and Beyond - Christine Manning**

Christine will explore the powerful impact of meaningful collaboration between families and educators and how strong home-school partnerships create lasting student success. Through practical, evidence-based strategies, participants will learn how to build trusting relationships, create supportive learning environments, and empower students to navigate challenges with confidence. This session will inspire educators and families to work together with a shared purpose—fostering connection, belonging, growth, and achievement for every child, both in the classroom and beyond.

### **Make Belief - Dominic Syracuse**

In this high energy and hilarious keynote presentation, Speaker, Actor, Comedian, and Cognitive Specialist, Dominic Syracuse, brings a fresh new understanding of emotional intelligence that will leave you with a sense of energy, motivation, and playfulness that you haven't had since you were a child.

### **Panel Discussion Description**

In this candid panel discussion, parents and self-advocates come together to share the real-world lessons they've learned while navigating the transition to adulthood. From untangling the complexities of guardianship and community resources to sharing their greatest successes and "wish-I-knew" moments, our panelists offer both practical guidance and heartfelt reflection. Whether you are just beginning the process or looking for fresh advocacy strategies, you will leave with valuable insights and encouragement for the road ahead.

## **Breakout Sessions | Session 1 | 10:15 am - 11:00 am**

### **Your Roadmap to Post-High School Success: Understanding DVR's Pre-ETS Program**

This session offers a comprehensive overview of the Wyoming Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's Pre-ETS Program. We will cover eligibility for enrolled students aged 14 through 21 and break down the program's five core services, ranging from job exploration to self-advocacy instruction. Attendees will learn how Pre-ETS serves as a vital bridge to the General VR program to provide continued support after graduation.

### **Evidence-Based Prevention and De-Escalation Tools**

This session empowers educators and caregivers with evidence-based prevention strategies and practical de-escalation tools to create safe, supportive environments. Participants will leave with actionable techniques to identify triggers, teach replacement skills, and effectively promote emotional regulation during moments of escalation.

### **Medicaid Waiver Options**

In this session, we will explore the different Medicaid waiver options available in Wyoming and the specific requirements necessary to apply. Attendees will learn about key programs like the Community Choices, Comprehensive, and Supports waivers, which fund vital home and community-based services. We will break down the information, providing families with a clear roadmap for navigating the application process.

### **From Body Awareness to Meaningful Participation: Trauma informed interactive tools for neurologic regulation**

This presentation will introduce attendees to trauma-informed, somatic, and occupation-based approaches that support resilience and meaningful participation. Participants will explore how body awareness, nervous-system regulation, sensory experiences, and everyday routines can influence emotional well-being and therapeutic engagement. Attendees will learn strategies that can complement counseling interventions while supporting safety, choice, awareness, and connection.

## Breakout Sessions | Session 2 | 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

### How Transition Planning Can Lead to Better Chances for Success

During this presentation, you will learn about Wyoming Independent Living's youth services and discover how student-led transition planning can pave the way for long-term success. We will explore how combining self-assessment, personal goal setting, and a strong support system creates a winning formula for navigating life after high school. Attendees will leave with actionable strategies to empower youth in building critical independent living skills, exploring career interests, and confidently directing their own futures.

### Evidence-Based Prevention and De-Escalation Tools

Challenging behaviors often communicate unmet needs or stress rather than intentional defiance. This session empowers educators and caregivers with evidence-based prevention strategies and practical de-escalation tools to create safe, supportive environments. Participants will leave with actionable techniques to identify triggers, teach replacement skills, and effectively promote emotional regulation during moments of escalation.

### Wyoming 211: Partner Mapping and Social Drivers of Health

Wyoming 211 has been supporting residents in need for 15 years. As the statewide source of trusted information and referral, the ability to connect people to the services they need has led to a deeper understanding of the need to connect agencies to each other. In this presentation we will explore the nuances of social drivers of health and how partner mapping can help elevate our ability to best serve the clients we support.

### Building a Good Life Together: Using LifeCourse Tools to Support Your Child and Your Family's Vision

In this interactive session, you'll be introduced to the Charting the LifeCourse framework. We'll share tools and worksheets that help you focus on your child's strengths, needs, and goals - both now and for the future. You'll leave with a clearer picture of what a "good life" looks like for your child; practical tools you can use right away; and ideas for next steps and supports.



## Breakout Sessions | Session 3 | 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

### Turning Three: Navigating the Transition to Special Education

As your child nears their third birthday, the transition from Part C to Part B can be overwhelming. This session provides families and educators with information on how to shift a child from Early Intervention (Part C) to School-Based Special Education (Part B) before the child turns three. It covers federal IDEA requirements, timeline milestones, and how to create a smooth move into preschool.

### Reading the Law for Your Child

This session helps parents understand Wyoming's landmark SF0059, which now requires schools to use science-based reading instruction. Presenter and seasoned advocate Annie McGlothlin will connect this new state law to existing federal protections under IDEA, Section 504, and the ADA, including a child's right to specialized instruction for dyslexia. Attendees will receive sample materials and practical guidance on navigating IEP rights to confidently advocate for their child's educational needs.

### Wyoming Relay

Discover how Wyoming Relay helps individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, or have speech disabilities stay connected through accessible communication. This session will provide an overview of Wyoming Relay Services, demonstrate innovative wireless accessibility apps, explain how to access relay services, and highlight the no cost equipment available through Wyoming's Equipment Distribution Program.

### The Biology of Conflict Resolution

In this engaging and energetic workshop, Actor, Standup Comedian, and Cognitive Behavioral Specialist, Dominic Syracuse, breaks down interactive strategies to de-escalate behaviors when they arise, resolve conflict compassionately, and protect your own mental health in the process.

## **Breakout Sessions | Session 4 | 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm**

### **ASCEND 307: Essential Readiness Skills**

Children need essential readiness skills to successfully navigate every stage of their educational journey and beyond. ASCEND 307, a Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) State Personnel Development Grant, supports schools and families in creating successful transitions from early childhood through graduation and into the workforce. Participants will gain insight into the impact of readiness skills across developmental stages and learn practical strategies for supporting children and families along the way.

### **Reducing Challenging Behaviors with AAC and Increasing Literacy with AEM**

This session explores how communication support and accessible materials can reduce frustration, improve behavior, and enhance learning. Families will learn how Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) tools and strategies can be easily integrated into everyday routines at home and school. The presentation also introduces Accessible Educational Materials (AEM) to help parents identify signs that their child needs print or reading support. Through real-life examples and hands-on exploration, participants will gain practical strategies to increase their child's independence, participation, and literacy growth.

### **WYABLE Accounts as a Financial Tool**

This session will explain how WYABLE accounts work, including how individuals can save up to \$20,000 per year—or up to \$35,650 annually if employed—for disability-related expenses such as housing, transportation, and healthcare. Attendees will leave understanding the eligibility requirements, what qualifies as an approved expense, and the exact steps needed to open an account and start saving for the future.

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## Conference Vendors



### Wyoming Assistive Technology Resources (WATR)

The Wyoming Assistive Technology Resources (WATR) is Wyoming's Assistive Technology Act program and a resource for assistive technology (AT) needs in Wyoming. AT may be a device or solution that enhances an individual's ability to live, play, or work independently.



### Wyoming Relay

The Wyoming Relay Program ensures that every Wyoming resident who is Deaf, has hearing loss, and/or speech disability has the tools to communicate with confidence. Whether a student, an older adult, or anyone in between is looking for extra communication support, the program provides free or discounted telecommunication equipment tailored to unique communication and disability needs.



### Wyoming Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (WGCD)

The purpose of the Wyoming Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities is to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to the services, individualized supports, and resources they need to promote independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all areas of community life.

## Conference Vendors



### Wyoming 211

Wyoming 211 is a statewide information and referral service that connects Wyoming residents with essential health and human services. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, Wyoming 211 helps individuals and families access resources related to housing, food, utilities, healthcare, mental health services, employment, childcare, disaster assistance, and more.



### Wyoming Independent Living (WIL)

Wyoming Independent Living believes every person, regardless of disability, deserves to experience dignity, safety, health, and personal independence. All of WIL's services are consumer-driven and individualized based on your personal goals.



### Wyoming's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

Wyoming's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is the go-to resource for helping students with disabilities (ages 14-21) get ready for work while still in school—whether that's high school, homeschool, college, or HiSET. Through Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS), VR helps students explore careers, gain hands-on experience, and build the skills needed to succeed in the workplace.

## Conference Vendors



### **The Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND)**

The Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND) assists individuals with developmental and other disabilities and their families by promoting and supporting full community inclusion, community membership, independence, productivity, and social participation. WIND strives to improve outcomes for individuals in the areas of health and wellness, education, early intervention, employment, and assistive technology.



### **ASCEND 307 (WDE)**

ASCEND 307 is a multi-year initiative developed through a federal grant awarded to the Wyoming Department of Education. The overarching goal of the Wyoming State Personnel Development Grant is to improve outcomes for students with disabilities by enhancing personnel preparation and professional development in education and transition services. One of the three goals of ASCEND 307 is to build trust and engagement among schools and families.



### **WYO Right to Read**

WYO Right to Read is a Wyoming-based nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that every child with dyslexia and related reading difficulties has the fundamental right to evidence-based reading instruction. Our commitment extends to advancing educational equity, empowering families, and providing essential dyslexia support while holding schools accountable so that all children can achieve the lifelong right of literacy.

## Conference Vendors



### **Tobii Dynavox**

Tobii Dynavox is a global, full-service provider of groundbreaking communication solutions for people with disabilities. Our solutions are purpose-built for AAC (augmentative and alternative communication) yet designed to be customized. This makes it possible for clinicians to set goals for their clients and adapt our assistive communication solutions to meet their changing needs over time.



### **The Arc of Laramie County**

The Arc of Laramie County is a Cheyenne, Wyoming-based nonprofit that has been serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families since 1954. The organization advocates for and supports individuals with IDD, promoting inclusion, community belonging, and a full quality of life. The Arc runs a robust calendar of inclusive programming, including: Weekly Thursday events at the Cheyenne Moose Lodge, Saturday bowling leagues at Two Bar, Monthly Arc Inclusion Evenings, and Annual signature events.



### **Cheyenne Day Program**

Cheyenne Day Program is a specialized educational program serving students with disabilities, ages 5-21, from Albany, Carbon, Platte, and Laramie Counties who require individualized instruction, behavioral support, and opportunities to develop functional life skills.

## Conference Vendors



### Wyoming Children's Law Center

The Wyoming Children's Law Center, Inc. is a 501C(3) nonprofit, founded in 2009. Our mission is to help Wyoming children and their families navigate legal issues affecting a child's education, safety or well-being and work to improve laws and policies that harm children and vulnerable adults.



### Saint Joseph's Children's Home

At Saint Joseph's Children's Home, we help youth overcome challenges and reach their full potential through personalized mental health care, life skills development, and educational support. Our psychiatric residential treatment program (PRTF) provides a safe, nurturing environment where every youth is seen, heard, and supported on their journey to healing and growth.



### Family Voices of Wyoming at UPLIFT

Family Voices of Wyoming at UPLIFT is part of a National Family Voices, a family-led organization that aspires to transform systems of care to work better for all children and youth, especially those with special health care needs or disabilities. By putting families at the forefront and centering their leadership and lived expertise, we build a culture that includes everyone and fosters equitable outcomes. We offer free, statewide family support services from Family Leaders with lived experience in navigating complex, and often confusing systems, in order to best meet the needs of their children, youth, and families.

## A Note to our Sponsors

To our generous sponsors—thank you. Your partnership is the foundation that makes this work possible. Together, we foster meaningful collaborations and build bridges that connect families to the resources, guidance, and community they need to thrive.

Every workshop, every family supported, and every connection made reflects your belief in our mission. You turn shared vision into real, lasting impact for the children and families we serve.

Simply put: this work cannot be done without you. We are deeply grateful to walk alongside you in service of stronger families and brighter futures.

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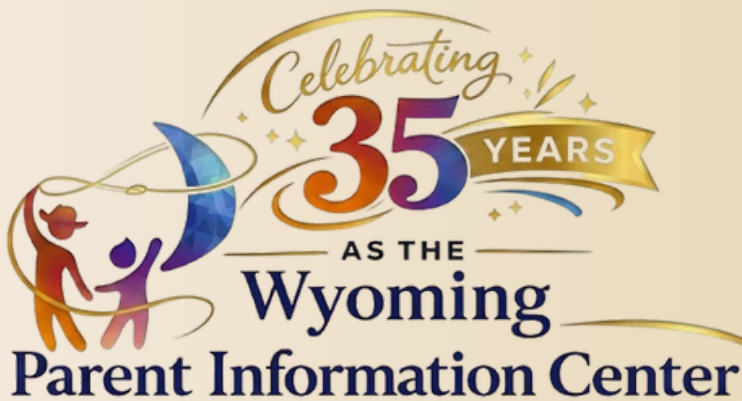
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