



WCAA Updates

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STARS is a program of the
Wyoming Children's Action.
Other programs include Kids
Count and Voices for
America's Children.

Changes in Our System

STARS has been working on some improvements to serve child care providers across Wyoming in a better way. We are working to improve the tracking of training hours for licensing and to improve support for providers seeking career advancement. Some of the changes you will see. Other changes are behind the scenes. For example, when you take the core trainings on-line at the DFS website your training hours automatically come to STARS through digital magic! We also have some new voices and faces to help you here at STARS. Check out the list to the left.

- The Wyoming Children's Action Alliance is streamlining the forms found on our website. The forms are reformatted so we can gather the information necessary to approve instructors, classes, conferences and verify participation. If you need clarification on where to find or how to fill out the forms, please contact Sheila Ricley. The web address is <http://www.wykids.org/>
- The Core Trainings are now available on the Department of Family Services website at the following URL: <http://dfswapps.state.wy.us/> Your STARS ID and password are required to enter into the classes and upon completion your transcript will update electronically. A confirmation email is sent to you. If we do not have your email address a letter will arrive in about a week. To obtain your STARS ID and password call Shari Baird.
- Training hours obtained through clearinghouse items, conferences and/or pre-approved webinars will apply towards licensing hours, however, they do not meet the requirements of the Council for Professional Recognition as credit towards a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential.
- The CDA program offers abundant benefits and interested parties are encouraged to get involved and activate their career potential. There are scholarships available for providers to complete an approved CDA program. For more information on qualified programs, please contact Rose Kor.



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Happy 10th Anniversary Stand and Celebrate

Stand and Celebrate 2010 will be commemorating its 10-year anniversary. Plans are underway for an expanded and improved celebration in Casper August 12 thru 14' 2009. We are seeking high quality training programs to offer to our outstanding Wyoming providers. In years past, the event gained a reputation as a fun and engaging vehicle to achieve networking and training opportunities. We are striving to uphold these community expectations. More details will arrive in your in-box and mailbox through the spring.

STARS Board of Review

STARS Board of Review is pleased to welcome aboard two new members to the panel. After evaluation of the applications; Susan Collamer, a home care provider of Saratoga, and Jo Madsen of Sheridan, a center provider and trainer, were elected to the board. Please thank your Board of Review members for their dedication, time and valuable field input!

The STARS Board of Review is still looking for new representatives throughout the state of Wyoming. For more information or to request an application, please visit our website and click on STARS Board of Review, or contact Rose Kor at WCAA.

