

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT UPDATE

2023

CDS-CC/EHS

The Community Assessment for CDS-CC was conducted for the service area, Campbell County, Wyoming, using a myriad of data collection techniques. The techniques involved surveys and interviews of parents, community members, health and human service providers, early childhood providers, and staff. Current census data was also gathered through reviews of previously conducted assessments and review of state, federal, and county statistical reports. The data collected was analyzed and collated into this update.

The timeline for the update to the Community Assessment began in January 2023, with the gathering of data from census reports, previously conducted surveys and assessments, family assessments, interviews of community and state resources, and updating the information on current community service agencies. Once all the data was updated and gathered, the report was completed.

The report was submitted to Policy Council and the Campbell County Board of Commissioners for their review. The update of the Community Assessment identified Campbell County's demographics, strengths, key priorities, and challenges the community has identified.

The **Children's Developmental Services of Campbell County** is a Department of County Government. The center is located at 1801 S. 4-J Road, Gillette, WY 82718.

- Early Head Start provides services to 36 children and their families who qualify for services. Home Based services are provided to all enrolled families, which consist of weekly home visits and twice-monthly socializations.
- The program has a total of 12 children/pregnant women on the waiting list, with 7 of those children/pregnant women qualifying based on income.
- The Campbell County Board of Commissioners provides a great deal of support to the Children's Developmental Services through funding and training opportunities.

Demographics: Campbell County

- Campbell County covers approximately 5,000 square miles or about three million acres.
- Campbell County's population is estimated at 46,758. This is estimated at 357 less people than in 2021, when the population was estimated to be 46,401. In 2022, the population of children under the age of five living in Campbell County is estimated at 3,086 or 6.6%, while in 2021 it was estimated to be 3,492 or 7.4%. Source: U.S. Census Bureau
- **14.6%** or **6,774** of the county's population is living in poverty. **447 children under the age of five live in poverty.** There were **580 births** in Campbell County in 2022, which is **17** less births than in 2021. An estimated **75** pregnant women and **268** children birth to three (**total of 343**) would qualify for Early Head Start. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division; U.S. Census Bureau & Interview: Campbell County Memorial Hospital, Maternal Child Department
- Of the estimated **268** children birth to age three **living in poverty** in Campbell County broke down by race is **253** or 94.5% White, **23** or 8.8% Hispanic, **5** or 1.7% American Indian, **2** or 0.7 % Black, **2** or 0.7% Asian, **6** or 2.3% two or more races, and **233** or 86.9% are White only, not Hispanic or Latino. Source: U.S. Census Bureau
- **93.7%** of Campbell County, Wyoming residents speak **only English, while 6.3% speak other languages. The non-English language spoken by the largest group is Spanish, which is spoken by 5.6%** of the population. Source: U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts; U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder
- The Median Household Income in Campbell County is **\$87,547. 39.6%** of single mother households, were below the poverty line; **1.2%** of single father households were below the poverty line. Source: U.S. Census Bureau
- An estimated **212** children in Campbell County live in homes where grandparents are the head of household. An estimated report of **77.6 % or 9,722** children under the age of 18 years live in married-couple family households with **4.0%** or **428** living with a grandparent. Among single-parent homes, **37.3% or 1,047** of Campbell County children lived in single-father homes, while **62.7% or 1,759** of children under the age of 18 lived

in single-mother homes with no husband present. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division & 2022 Wyoming Kids Count

- The total number of children experiencing homelessness in 2022 was 258 children. Source: Westwood High School, Donette Alm
- Approximately **13.6% or 6,258** Campbell County residents have high risk factors, while **42.5% or 19,578** residents have medium risk factors. Source: 2022 Wyoming Kids Count
- **11.6%** of Campbell County births were delivered pre-term. Source: 2022 Wyoming Kids Count
- **17.6%** of Campbell County pregnant women had **inadequate prenatal health** care which decreased from **19.05%** reported in 2015, **39%** of births were to **single mothers**, **35 births to teen mothers (per 1,000 live births) which is a decrease from 49** in 2015, and **9.2%** of births were to mothers with less than a high school diploma down from **10.98%** in 2015. Source: 2022 Wyoming Kids Count
- In 2022, The Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home-Visiting (MECSH) program, a Maternal Child Health Program through Campbell County Public Health estimated a total of **100** participants with **10** under the age of 18. It was reported that this program services approximately **40%** of all births in Campbell County. Source: Interview: MECSH – Reba Lindblom
- **15.7% smoked while pregnant**, which is a **decrease** from **21.5%** in 2021. **9.2% were low birth weight babies a slight increase from 9.0% in 2015.** Source: 2022 Wyoming Kids Count
- Children’s Developmental Services of Campbell County provides disability services to children birth through age five. The December 2022 count of children receiving services totaled **268** children: **84** ages birth-3, and **184** ages 3-5. These disabilities include, but are not limited to, Infant Prematurity, Brain Injury, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome and Developmental Delays. Source: Interview: CDS-CC, Trena Bauder and Bob Tranas
- Approximately **730** children (birth through age 5) were screened at the Children’s Developmental Services Center. **215** were referred for further evaluations and **144 were identified as a child with a disability and an educational plan was developed.** Source: Interview: CDS-CC, Trena Bauder and Bob Tranas
- CCSD-Title 1 Program includes **8** elementary schools, **2** private schools and preschool programs at **4** different locations. Source: CCSD – Title 1

Health and Nutrition Services

- **Gillette Pediatric Dentistry** is in Campbell County and accepts Medicaid of Wyoming. **97%** of Early Head Start children use Gillette Pediatric Dentistry. The other **3%** travels out of Campbell County for dental care. Source: 2022 EHS Family Survey & Gillette Pediatric Dentistry
- Doctors: Campbell County has **5** Obstetricians, **10** Family Practitioners with **1** offering Obstetric care, and **11** Pediatricians. Source: CCMH Website
- **84%** of our Early Head Start children are enrolled in private, CHIP, or other state funded program for health insurance. Source: 2022 Early Head Start Report: 9706
- **11.9%** of Campbell County Children were not covered by a comprehensive health coverage plan. Source: 2022 Wyoming Kids Count
- Campbell County Memorial Health provides Behavioral Health Services which consists of inpatient crisis intervention, outpatient mental health, and substance abuse programs. Crisis support continues to be a challenge for families in need. CCMH Behavior Health has **1** General Psychiatrist- PMHNP-C/APRN, **1** Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, **8** Mental Health Counselors, and **1** APRN. Campbell County Memorial Health has partnered with the Campbell County School District to provide **3** Counselors available to families through the CCSD Kid's Clinic. Source: Campbell County Memorial Hospital
- In Campbell County, **29.5%** of families are enrolled in WIC and **5.6%** receive SNAP. Source: 2022 Wyoming Kids Count
- **27%** or **2,313** students in Campbell County are eligible to receive free or reduced priced lunches. Source: Campbell County School District #1.
- The Council of Community Services through the Soup Kitchen provided **14,188** meals in 2022 with an average of **39 meals per day**. The Food Pantry aided **400** households each month, and in 2022, **2,652** pantries were given to those in need, along with **688** store vouchers. **6,156** nights of shelter were given in 2022. The Council of Community Services also weatherized **175** homes. Source: Council of Community Services - Gillette
- In 2022, **1,947** Campbell County households received SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) up from **867** in 2020; and **50** households received POWER (Personal Opportunities with Employment Responsibilities) up from 27 in 2020; with a total of **1,997** households or **5,542** recipients up from a total of **894** households in 2020 with a total value of coupons of **\$543,323** up from **\$385,368** in 2020. Source: Interview: Department of Family Services, Bonnie Volk
- Early Head Start staff receive mental health consultation twice monthly with a local mental health clinician. The focus of these meetings is on implementation of Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) a trauma informed approach to working with kids from hard places. Individual mental health consultation is available for staff and families on an as needed basis.

Childcare

- Campbell County has **48** childcare facilities, who can serve a total of **1,753** children. The number of facilities has decreased from **60** licensed childcare providers in 2015, while the number of children served has increased from **1,672** in 2015. Source: 2022 Wyoming Kids Count
- Campbell County increased the number of preschool programs to **2** in 2021-2022, which is up from 1 in 2012-2013. Source: 2022 Wyoming Kids Count
- In 2022, the Campbell County Department of Family Services reported **609** children in their custody. Of these children, **381** children were in relative placement, **185** were in non-relative placement and **43** were in trial-home placement. Source: Interview: Department of Family Services, Bonnie Volk

Campbell County Economy

- Campbell County's source of revenue comes from natural resources, 40% of the nation's coal is mined from Campbell County, as well as coal bed methane natural gas, oil, and uranium. Source: CCEDC Website
- Currently there are **1,715 job openings** online in Campbell County and a **labor force of 20,423** in the workforce system. Source: Wyoming at Work
- The unemployment rate for Campbell County was **3.0% or 1,384** people without jobs. By the end of November 2021 Campbell County unemployment had risen to **3.9%**. Source: Wyoming Department of Workforce Services
- The average monthly rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Campbell County, unfurnished and excluding gas, electricity, cable, or phone has **increased 5.1%** from **\$717** in 2021 to **\$753**. A monthly lot rent for a single wide (including water) mobile home has **decreased 0.3%** from **\$487** in 2021 to **\$486**, a rental mobile home (including lot rent) has **increased 33.3%** from **\$738** per month in 2021 to **\$983**, and a 2-3-bedroom, single family, excluding gas and electric has **increased 11.5%** from **\$1,295** in 2021 to **\$1,162**. Source: Wyoming Cost of Living Index: Economic Analysis Division –Table 4 (2Q22 & 2Q21)
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates it takes **\$17,177** a year or **\$1,431** a month **to raise 1 child from birth to age 17 on average** in the United States; In Campbell County, it is estimated to cost **\$75,823** a year or **\$6,319** a month for **2 adults and 1 child**; **\$84,338** a year or **\$7,028** a month for **1 adult and 2 children**; and **\$98,264** a year or **\$8,189** a month for **2 adults and 2 children**. Source: Economic Policy Institute Website & The U.S. Department of Agriculture

Key Priorities:

Parent Education and School Readiness
Accessible and Affordable Health/Dental Care
Accessible and Affordable Mental Health Care
Substance Abuse
Family Violence

Strengths:

Generous community with many resources
Wide range of available services
Pregnant women receiving prenatal care
Collaboration among agencies
School District

Challenges:

Quality and accessible childcare
Accessible and affordable housing
Affordable quality healthcare
Shortage of mental health and substance abuse treatment services
Access to Medicaid providers
Public Transportation

SOURCES:

2021-2022 Campbell County Early Head Start Program Information Report
2022 Campbell County Annual Report
2022 Campbell County Needs Assessment Report, Campbell County CARE Board
2022 Early Head Start Family Survey
2022 Wyoming Kids Count
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