Office of Rural Health, Wyoming Department of Health
Wyoming Area Health Education Center

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Research & Explore AWESOME Careers in Healthcare

Insert Date

Dear Parents:

The current and projected shortage of healthcare professionals in Wyoming and across the nation is creating a critical demand for an increased healthcare workforce. Some of the most exciting careers, for both men and women, are in health information technology, nursing, pharmacy, and many more areas. Seven of the ten fastest growing professions in the nation are projected in healthcare by 2012. Thousands of additional healthcare workers will be needed in the coming years.

Exposing young children to healthcare professions and encouraging older youth to explore health careers is fundamental to successfully 'growing our own' rural healthcare workforce. Therefore, (insert school/healthcare entity) applied for and received $amount to hold **a Reach and Explore Awesome Careers in Healthcare (REACH) Program.** This is an exciting Program supported by the Wyoming Office of Rural Health (ORH) and the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) focused on rural students in grades 5-8. The overall purpose of the Program is to build awareness, spark interest, and increase understanding of the variety of health careers available in rural Wyoming through creative and interactive activities.

We will be holding a REACH Program on:
(date)
(time)
(location)
For all (# grade) students in name of school(s)
Insert additional instructions (i.e. registering, applying, release, etc.) as needed
For more information, (insert Site Coordinator) at (insert phone number) or (insert e-mail) address).

We look forward to having your child participate in this exciting opportunity. You never know who the next doctor, nurse, pharmacist, radiology technologist or health information technology expert will be!

Signatures(s)

Principal, Hospital Administrator, Economic Development Director, etc. (your choice) – all signatures will demonstrate collaboration

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