



Thomas O. Forslund, Director

Governor Matthew H. Mead

Dear Parents,

## Why collect student and parent contact information?

The Office of Rural Health (ORH) requests contact information for all students and parents participating in a REACH Program. The ORH staff realizes this information may change, but this is our best opportunity to get contact information so we may connect with participants in the future.

There are a couple of different reasons why the ORH may contact students or parents. We may want to share scholarship or educational opportunities, or find out if participating in a healthcare activity, such as a REACH Program, positively impacted a student's decision to pursue a career in healthcare. This allows the ORH to justify whether or not the funding of these and similar programs should continue.

Any contact information shared will be kept confidential within the Wyoming Department of Health and used only for workforce related purposes. The information will NOT be shared or sold to any other entity.

If you choose to not share this information, we certainly understand. This will not impact your child's opportunity to participate in a REACH Program. We thank you for supporting our efforts to encourage careers in healthcare in Wyoming. Please contact me at (307) 777-7293 or via email at <a href="mailto:sharla.allen@wyo.gov">sharla.allen@wyo.gov</a> for further information.

Sincerely,

Sharla Allen, Manager Office of Rural Health

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