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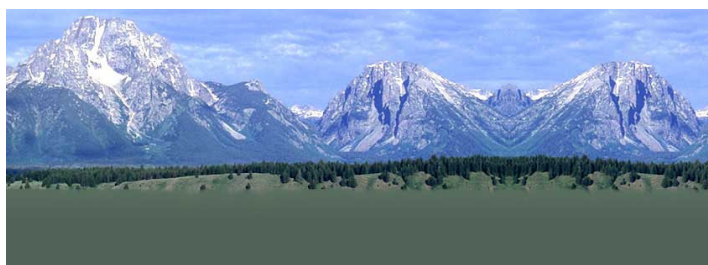
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Dear Partners,

We hope you are healthy and enjoying the spring weather. This quarter we bring to you a grab bag of updates and opportunities, including resources addressing anti-Asian American discrimination and our upcoming public input survey and public webinar. Thank you, as always, for your partnership.

Please feel free to contact me at danielle.marks@wyo.gov if you have any questions.

Danielle Marks
MCH Unit Manager

MCH Quarterly Highlight: Public Input on Title V Grant Report/Application

As WY MCH prepares for the annual Title V block grant report and application due in September 2021, we are reflecting on our recent work and planning our work for the next year. We would love your input and expertise, and we would also greatly appreciate you spreading the word to other partners and members of the public, regarding the two opportunities below:

Public Webinar, April 26, 2-3 p.m. Mountain Time

We will be presenting on our recent and planned work and our preparation for our annual Title V Block Grant report and application. We would love to share our work with you and get your feedback! During the webinar, we will also discuss additional

opportunities for consumers and stakeholders to share input with us outside of the meeting.

The webinar will be held via Zoom. If you have any questions or would like to join, please reach out to us at mchinfo@wyo.gov and we will get the Zoom information to you.

Please share with other partners and members of the public, and we hope to see you there!

Public Input Survey, open April 19 - May 9, 2021

Once again, WY MCH is holding a public input survey on its recent and planned work, and offering a \$10 Walmart gift card to Wyoming residents who complete the survey and are not public employees, while supplies last. For more information or to take the survey, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021MCHPublicInput>

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey and share this opportunity with others!

Announcements

Resources Addressing Anti-Asian American Discrimination

We are heartbroken by the recent racist attacks against the Asian American community and by our nation's history of anti-Asian American discrimination, which has escalated during the coronavirus pandemic. One of our partner organizations shared [a set of resources to stand against racism from Asian Americans Advancing Justice](#). We hope you will take a look.

Check out Our New MCH Facebook Page!

MCH is excited to announce our new Facebook page! Check it out [here](#).



Open Enrollment through August 15

Our partners at [Enroll Wyoming](#) offer free help signing up for health insurance. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, anyone can sign up for Marketplace insurance between February 15 and August 15. After August 15, only those with life altering events can sign up. All you have to do is dial 211 and ask for a health insurance navigator and they will work with you to get signed up.

Additional MCH Program Updates

Child Health and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSH) Programs

Our Benefits and Eligibility Specialists are busy assisting Wyoming Medicaid with User Acceptance Testing of a new reimbursement system. In addition,

program leadership is participating in the ongoing hiring process for a State School Health Nurse through the Wyoming Department of Education. The MCH Unit continues to work with a Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs national consultant to evaluate the current impact of the Wyoming CSH Program and identify areas where our work meets the National Standards for Systems of Care for Children and Youth With Special Healthcare Needs. For more information, please contact Program Manager Jamin Johnson at jamin.johnson1@wyo.gov.



[Women and Infant Health Program](#)

In collaboration with the Child Health and Children's Special Health Programs, we awarded a contract to OMNI Institute to conduct focus groups on four topic areas: (1) safe sleep, (2) well child visits and Bright Futures Guidelines, (3) systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs, including access to genetics and other specialty care services, and (4) the well woman visit. Please be on the lookout for focus group recruitment materials to be released this summer. For more information, please contact Program Manager Eighmey Zeeck at eighmey.zeeck@wyo.gov.



[Newborn Screening \(NBS\) and Genetics Programs](#)

The first two genetics outreach clinics were held April 1 and 2 in Casper and Cheyenne with our new contractor, the University of Colorado. You can find our schedule of upcoming in-person and telehealth clinics [here](#). For more information or to refer someone to these clinics, please contact Newborn Screening and Genetics

Coordinator Carleigh Soule at carleigh.soule@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6297.

[Youth and Young Adult Health Program \(YAYAHP\)](#)

The state youth council continues to meet, and will be presenting at the [Wyoming Joint Symposium on Children and Youth](#) in June. We are partnering with Safe2Tell to run a social media awareness campaign to help connect youth with mental health services. We will begin a formal evaluation process for the Rape Prevention and Education program early in the summer, and will use the evaluation information to improve the program across the state. For more information, please contact Program Manager Megan Selheim at megan.selheim@wyo.gov.

[MCH Epidemiology / Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System \(PRAMS\)](#)

MCH Epidemiology will be making the following changes to PRAMS that will impact families who receive surveys in the mail following the birth of their new babies in January 2021 and later:

- The incentive for completing a PRAMS survey by mail will be increased from a \$10 Walmart Gift Card to a \$15 Walmart Gift Card.
- Women completing the survey by mail still have a choice between a gift card and a sleepsack.
- Those completing the survey by phone, or American Indian women, will continue to receive both a \$15 gift card and sleep sack.



Wyoming PRAMS will continue to include the opioid supplement questions for a third year, along with continuing the COVID-19 supplement questions (added in fall 2020). A new COVID-19 vaccine supplement, highlighting vaccine hesitancy, will now also be added, beginning with the January 2021 births. For more information, please contact Program Manager Moira Lewis at moira.lewis@wyo.gov.

Thank you for your partnership!

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