



## Wyoming Maternal and Child Health Unit Quarterly Newsletter - January 2022

Dear Partners,

Hopefully you are staying healthy, safe, and warm this winter! As many of you may know, Danielle Marks and Jamin Johnson recently left the Wyoming Department of Health. We are excited for them and their new adventures, but miss them terribly. Danielle had been with MCH since 2014, and the Unit Manager since 2016. She has transitioned to a new role as the Senior Policy Advisor for the Wyoming Department of Family Services. Danielle's expertise in maternal and child health will be an asset to the Department of Family Services, as she continues to do important work for Wyoming families. Jamin was the Children and Youth With Special Healthcare Needs Program Manager since 2018, and implemented many impactful programs during his time here. I appreciate the contributions they both made to improve the health of MCH populations and families in Wyoming.

Angie Van Houten, MS  
Community Health Section Chief

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### Announcements



#### Professional Opportunities With Wyoming MCH

Our unit is actively recruiting to fill our open positions! If you, or anyone you know, is interested in working with us, please visit these pages:

[Unit Manager position](#)

[CYSHCN Program Manager position](#)

We are also looking for a qualified Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program

Coordinator for the Youth and Young Adult Health Program. The person in this position will perform meaningful work to improve mental health care access for Wyoming youth. Please view the [job announcement](#) to learn more about this opportunity

The Wyoming Public Health Division is also recruiting for a Blood Lead Prevention Program Manager and Epidemiologist. This position will work closely with the MCH Unit on projects related to lead poisoning in children. Please view the [job announcement](#) to learn more about this opportunity.

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### **MCH Quarterly Highlight: Lead Poisoning Prevention & Mental Health Care Access Grants**

Last year, the MCH Unit applied for, and received, two new grants to expand services for children.

The first is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Surveillance of Blood Lead Levels in Children grant. Funding from this grant will be used to build state capacity to support strategies for childhood lead poisoning prevention and surveillance. The State of Wyoming does not currently have a dedicated lead program, so this funding is invaluable for the health of Wyoming children. The Public Health Division is seeking a Blood Lead Prevention Program Manager and Epidemiologist to support the activities of this grant. (Interested in this position? [Apply here!](#))

The second is the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration. This project will support the use of telehealth in primary care to improve access to mental health care for children and adolescents. Stay tuned for more updates on the progress of these projects!

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### **MCH Program Updates**

#### **Newborn Screening & Genetics Program**

On January 4, 2022, the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee voted to add X-linked Adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD), Pompe Disease, and Mucopolysaccharidosis I (MPS I) to the Wyoming panel. Testing is expected to begin in the Summer/Fall of 2022.



The Wyoming Genetic Clinics will continue in 2022, with sites in Casper, Cheyenne and Riverton. The clinic schedule can be found [here](#).

Beginning April 1, 2022 birthing hospitals will no longer be de-identified on the Newborn Screening Report Card Dashboard found [here](#).

#### **MCH Epidemiology and Wyoming Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Programs**

The MCH Epidemiology Wyoming PRAMS Program has added 2020 data to its [WY PRAMS Dashboard](#). The [Adolescent Suicide Data Brief](#) has also been posted to the [Wyoming MCH Priority Data](#). More information about WY PRAMS can also be found on the [MCH Epidemiology PRAMS webpage](#). For additional information, please contact Program Manager Moira Lewis at [moira.lewis@wyo.gov](mailto:moira.lewis@wyo.gov) or PRAMS Coordinator Neva Ruso at [neva.ruso@wyo.gov](mailto:neva.ruso@wyo.gov).



### Women and Infant Health Program

The Wyoming Perinatal Quality Collaborative (WYPQC) will begin general main body meetings this coming March. Going forward, the WYPQC main meetings will be focused on reviewing recommendations from the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) and picking a project that addresses one of the MMRC recommendations.

Recommendations from the MMRC are ready for the March WYPQC meeting. If you were previously on the email list, you will still receive emails about upcoming WYPQC meetings. If you would like to be added to the WYPQC

email list please contact the Women and Infant Health Program Coordinator, Natalie Hudanick, at [natalie.hudanick1@wyo.gov](mailto:natalie.hudanick1@wyo.gov). For more information on the WYPQC please visit [our website](#).

### Youth and Young Adult Health Program (YAYAHP)

YAYAHP is launching the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access grant project. We will be supporting access to pediatric mental health care services in a primary care setting using telehealth approaches. We're excited to see how we can improve mental health care access for children and adolescents across the state!

**Thank you for your partnership!**



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