

## Key of Important Acronyms to Wyoming's Aging Network

A&D - Wyoming's contractor for aging and disability services database

AAA - Area Agency on Aging - Wyoming has no AAA's, therefore most activities for which a state's AAA's would be responsible are performed by Wyoming's SUA, which is the AGD.

AARP - American Association of Retired Persons

ACC - Access Care Coordinator

ACL - Administration for Community Living

ADL - Activity of Daily Living

ADRC - Aging and Disability Resource Center - Wyoming does not currently have a full ADRC with a database of supports and services as well as a referral service. However, there is a central database of helpful resources for older adults or adults with disabilities hosted through WyCOA at <https://adrcwyoming.org/>

AGD/AD/The Division - The Aging Division - Wyoming's federally designated SUA is the Aging Division, which is a division housed in the wider Wyoming Department of Health. The Aging Division consists of OHLS, CLS, and the three state-operated long-term care facilities (VHW, WPH, WRC). CLS is responsible for administration of OAA funds for programming.

AGNES - Aging Needs Evaluation Summary - The Aging Division asks all participants in senior center services to complete an AGNES to understand their nutritional risk and other social factors. Completion of the AGNES is optional but highly encouraged.

ALF - Assisted Living Facility

AoA - Administration on Aging

APS - Adult Protective Services - APS investigates potential instances of elder abuse and neglect in Wyoming. APS is part of Wyoming's DFS.

CAT - Caregiver Assessment Tool - Through the Wyoming Medicaid Office, caregivers are assessed with the form CCW15 to understand caregiver needs and assist with options counseling.

CCW - Community Choices Waiver - Operated through Wyoming's Healthcare Financing Division, CCW is a HCBS for low income older adults or adults with disabilities who require SNF level of care. CCW allows people to receive community services to stay in their homes rather than transition to SNF.

CDC - Center for Disease Control

CLS - Community Living Section - The CLS is part of the Aging Division, and it is responsible for administering OAA funds to service providers. The CLS also assists with management of other community programs that are funded by Wyoming State funds to assist community-dwelling older adults.

CMS - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Office

CNA - Certified Nursing Assistant

COVID-19 - Coronavirus disease 2019

DD - Developmental Disabilities - Services for people living with developmental disabilities are managed through the HCBS section of HCF.

DFS - Department of Family Services - Wyoming's DFS houses the APS program to investigate cases of potential abuse and neglect.

DUPRE - Policy, Research, and Evaluation - Through WDH's Administration and Support Division, DUPRE is important for conducting research and creating reports and evaluations to inform policy. DUPRE was heavily involved by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

EAD - Wyoming Economic Analysis Division - The mission of the Economic Analysis Division is "to coordinate, develop, and disseminate economic & demographic research and information" for Wyoming.

ED - Emergency department or emergency room

EMS - Emergency Medical Service

FGP - Foster Grandparents Program - There are opportunities for older adults to volunteer with the community through AmeriCorps Seniors (Senior Corps). FGP is an opportunity for older adults to serve as role models to schoolchildren with exceptional needs.

HCBS - Home and Community Based Services - Broadly, home and community based services are an array of services from community organizations that people can access in their homes rather than in an institutional setting. HCBS is operated by Medicaid in the HCF.

HCF - Healthcare Financing Office - Housed in the WDH similar to the AGD, HCF oversees Wyoming's public healthcare programs, which include Wyoming Medicaid and DD.

IADL - Instrumental Activity of Daily Living

LTC - Long-Term Care - LTC is an umbrella term referring to services that can be both health or non-health- related to meet the needs of people living with chronic illnesses or disabilities who have difficulties caring for themselves for long periods of time. LTC can be provided in the home through community services (HCBS) or in a residential facility (ALF/SNF)

NAIC - National Association of Insurance Commissioners

NFCP/NFCGP/NFCSP - National Family Caregiver Support Program - This program aims to provide support to informal caregivers in their roles by assisting with respite care, connecting caregivers to support groups, and helping with providing other specific, needed services.

NGA/NoA - Notice of Grant Award

NSIP - Nutrition Services Incentive Program

OAA - Older Americans' Act

OAAPS - Older Americans Act Performance System

OAM - Older Americans Month

OHLS/HLS - Office of Healthcare Licensing and Surveys - OHLS is supported by Aging Division funding, but it operates completely independently of the Aging Division to ensure fairness. OHLS is responsible for inspecting and certifying LTC facilities and ensuring compliance with rules and regulations.

Ombudsman - Long Term Care Ombudsman

PACE - Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly - Discontinued in 2020, PACE was a program focused in southeast Wyoming out of Cheyenne that sought to assist older adults in staying in their homes at a level greater than what home health services alone can provide.

PERS - Personal Emergency Response System

PHN - Public Health Nursing

QA - Quality Assurance

RN - Registered Nurse

RSVP - Retired Senior Volunteer Program - RSVP is an opportunity for older adults to volunteer in their community through AmeriCorps Seniors (Senior Corps).

RUCA code - Rural-Urban Commuting Area code

SCP - Senior Companion Program - There are opportunities for older adults to volunteer with the community through AmeriCorps Seniors (Senior Corps). SCP is an opportunity for older adults to connect with other older adults who may have difficulties with tasks of daily living.

SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

SNF/NH - Skilled nursing facility or nursing home

SUA - State Unit on Aging

Title IIIB. - Supportive programs, Older Americans Act Federal Funds

Title IIIC. - Nutrition programs, Older Americans Act Federal Funds

Title IIIC1. - Congregate Meals, Older Americans Act Federal Funds

Title IIIC2. - Home Delivered Meals, Older Americans Act Federal Funds

Title IIID. - Preventative Health Grant, Older Americans Act Federal Funds

Title IIIE. - See NFCP, Older Americans Act Funds

UCEDD - University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

UW - University of Wyoming - Located in Laramie in Albany County, UW is Wyoming's only four-year research university, and UW partners with the WDH and AGD on various projects.

VA - Veterans Administration

VHW - Veterans' Home of Wyoming - VHW is a state-operated assisted living facility for veterans located in Buffalo. It is currently under construction to build a skilled nursing facility onsite.

WASPD - Wyoming Association of Senior Project Directors - Wyoming's network of senior centers are represented on WASPD.

WDH - Wyoming Department of Health - Wyoming's SUA is housed within the Wyoming Department of Health's Aging Division. In addition to the Aging Division, other branches of the WDH are Administration and Support, Public Health Division, Behavioral Health Division, and the Healthcare Financing Division.

WEAAD - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - Typically held in June, WEAAD is an opportunity for different organizations dedicated to protecting elder rights to raise awareness and understanding of elder abuse and neglect.

WIL - Wyoming Independent Living - WIL is an organization dedicated to providing services to help ensure that every person experience dignity, safety, health and personal independence in their lives.

WIND - Wyoming Institute for Disabilities - WIND is a unit in the College of Health Sciences and a UCEDD in the University of Wyoming. WIND assists people with developmental and other disabilities to reach full community inclusion, community membership, independence, and social participation.

WPH - Wyoming Pioneer Home - WPH is a state-operated assisted living facility located in Thermopolis, Wyoming.

WRC - Wyoming Retirement Center - WRC is a state-operated skilled nursing facility located in Basin, Wyoming.

WSSB - Wyoming Senior Services Board - WSSB is a board of eight members, one of whom is a representative of the Aging Division, which is responsible for appropriating funds to eligible senior centers.

WTC - Wyoming Telehealth Consortium - The WTC has the goal of enhancing collaboration and alignment between collaboration organizations, key stakeholders, and consumers to promote telehealth initiatives in order to improve equity in and access to health services in Wyoming.

WTN/WyTN - Wyoming Telehealth Network - Healthcare providers and patients may go through the WyTN to improve accessibility to telehealth services.

WyCOA - University of Wyoming Center on Aging - WyCOA is a division of UW that aims to improve the health and well-being of older adults in Wyoming. WyCOA has a number of agreements with the Aging Division for the administration of Title IIID funds and GWEP. WyCOA has been an important partner for the Aging Division and will continue to be a partner into the future.

WyDOT - Wyoming Department of Transportation - The Wyoming Department of Transportation oversees roads and provides training for drivers. It also has access to grants for organizations providing transportation services to people who cannot drive.

WyHS - Wyoming Home Services - WyHS is a state program that provides in-home services to qualified individuals who are at risk of premature institutionalization. WyHS is different from CCW services in that people who receive WyHS services do not require SNF level of care and are not means tested to determine eligibility for services.

WYSAC - Wyoming Survey and Analysis Center - Through UW, WYSAC is responsible for providing information through polling and research projects. WYSAC was contracted for the component of the Aging Survey to randomly select recipients to take the online survey and for understanding people's views on the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine.

WYTRANS - Wyoming Public Transportation Association - WYTRANS is a non-profit organization consisting of transit providers across Wyoming to advocate for, provide education on, and coordinate transit.