

WyPQC NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2026

THIS MONTH'S FOCUS:

Round 2 of the MOMS+ Program is underway, with two new sites launching this phase. With their addition, a total of six hospitals across Wyoming are now participating in the MOMS+ program.

WyPQC TEAM UPDATE:

We are pleased to share that Addysen Lechuga has joined the Wyoming Perinatal Quality Collaborative team. Addysen will support WyPQC initiatives and coordinate communications.



KEY UPDATES:

• **MOMs + Program Update:**

The MOMs+ Program continues implementation with CRMC, Sage West, Powell Valley, and Star Valley sites in 2025 and will expand to Iverson Memorial and Memorial Hospital of Converse County in 2026. Readiness assessments and staff surveys have informed gap analyses and implementation plans, guiding technical assistance and staff education focused on maternal overdose prevention.

• **Child Health Funding Opportunity**

The Child Health Program is offering funding to community-based organizations for projects that increase food sufficiency among Wyoming families with children ages 0-18. Funding will be provided via direct purchase of supplies or reimbursement for registered vendors. **Apply by February 16, 2026**; questions? Email megan.meredith@wyo.gov

• **Women and Infant Health Funding Opportunity**

UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES

• **Plans of Safe Care - Provider Training**

 February 9th | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM MT (Virtual)

• **UW ECHO in Rural Obstetrical Care**

 February 18th | 12:00 - 1:00 PM MT (Virtual)

• **Monthly MOMS+ Hospital Meeting Reminder**

This month's meeting is intended for hospitals participating in the MOMs+ program. The March topic will focus on Withdrawal Management and Medical Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder.

• **AWHONN Obstetric Patient Safety (OPS) Course**

The AWHONN Obstetric Patient Safety (OPS) course will be held on **March 10** and **March 11** in Jackson, Wyoming, with each date offering a one-day, in-person session for healthcare professionals caring for pregnant and postpartum patients. Course materials are provided at no cost, and eligible Wyoming-based participants may receive travel and lodging reimbursement through Wyoming Department of Health funding. [Register here.](#)

The Women and Infant Health Program has opened its 2026-2027 Funding Request for Applications and is seeking Wyoming-based projects focused on improving postpartum care and infant safe sleep practices.

Wyoming organizations interested in supporting women and infants are encouraged to contact

natalie.hudanick1@wyo.gov for more information.

- **Update to CDC Childhood Vaccine Schedule**

On January 5, 2026, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services updated the CDC childhood vaccine schedule, and the Wyoming Department of Health issued guidance to support provider implementation.

Wyoming families continue to have the option to receive all previously recommended vaccines, and WDH encourages providers to continue offering vaccines that have moved to shared clinical decision-making status.

- **SAMHSA Announces \$231 Million Funding Opportunity for 988 Lifeline**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration announced a \$231 million funding opportunity to support the administration of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, which received more than 8 million contacts nationwide in 2025. The funding aims to strengthen the national network of crisis contact centers and ensure continued access to 24/7 mental health and substance use crisis support for individuals and families.

- **Upcoming 2026 CDC mPINC Survey**

The CDC's 2026 Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC) survey is expected to launch later this spring. The mPINC survey assesses maternity care practices nationwide and provides hospitals with individualized, confidential feedback to help strengthen breastfeeding support and improve maternity care policies. Hospitals can prepare now by updating their mPINC point of contact or reporting status changes by emailing mPINC@cdc.gov.



TOOLS & RESOURCES:

- **CPCQC Maternal Quality Improvement Field Guide**

This field guide provides step-by-step guidance, tools, and best practices to support maternal quality improvement initiatives. It is intended for clinical, quality, and administrative teams working to implement, evaluate, and sustain evidence-based maternal health practices.



QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TIP:

- **Start Small with Tests of Change**

Begin by testing a change with one unit, one shift, or one provider before scaling up. Small tests of change (such as a single PDSA cycle) allow teams to learn quickly and adjust without overwhelming staff or systems.

CALL TO ACTION:

- Register for upcoming trainings and events to support perinatal quality improvement efforts across Wyoming.
 - Interested in sharing updates, resources, or upcoming opportunities in a future issue? Contact us to contribute.
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