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## ABLE Age Adjustment Act

Effective January 1, 2026

The ABLE Age Adjustment Act amends Section 529A of the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act to allow more individuals who have a disability to become eligible for an ABLE account. Effective January 1, 2026, the age of eligibility expands to allow individuals who have a disability that began before age 46 (increased from age 26) to be ABLE-eligible. Millions of individuals with disabilities, including veterans, whose disability began between age 26 to before age 46 were previously excluded from opening an ABLE account. The ABLE Age Adjustment Act extends opportunities of financial empowerment for people with disabilities to be able to save money in a tax-advantaged account, maintain eligibility for public benefits while building assets, and gain financial independence and security.

### New ABLE Eligibility

Beginning January 1, 2026, individuals who meet the following criteria can open a STABLE account:

1. **Disability Onset:** The disability must have occurred before age 46 *and*
2. **Severity of Disability:** The individual must have a severe disability that meets the Social Security Administration's (SSA) criteria defined as resulting in marked functional limitations which have lasted or can be expected to last at least 12 months.

### WYABLE

Residents of Wyoming are eligible for an ABLE account through WYABLE. Call 1-800-439-1653 or visit [www.wyable.com](http://www.wyable.com) for more information, to determine eligibility, or to open an account.

Source: [www.ablenrc.org](http://www.ablenrc.org); [www.wyable.com](http://www.wyable.com)



# Suicide Prevention and Intervention Training

Backed by Governor Gordon's WY We Care initiative, PROSPER works closely with county prevention specialists and Wyoming schools, clinicians, first responders, faith leaders, and parents in reducing suicide risk by supporting statewide mental health and suicide prevention efforts. Trainings are open to individuals who live or work in Wyoming—including health professionals, educators, first responders, faith leaders, community organizers, and parents. Everyone can make a difference in suicide prevention!

Fifty-eight percent of individuals who die by suicide have no mental health diagnosis—underscoring that suicide is often a social issue, not just a clinical one. Suicidal thoughts frequently arise from everyday stressors at home, work, school, or in relationships.

## 90-Minute Online Suicide Prevention Training

January 12, 2026  
3:00-4:30pm MT

March 9, 2026  
3:30-5pm MT

A live training designed to enhance confidence in addressing suicide prevention and comfort in supporting those experiencing suicidal thoughts.

**Learn to** communicate with compassion and without judgment, respond in ways that honor autonomy and values, effectively engage around reasons for living, and co-create crisis response plans.

### Additional Information

#### Continuing Education Credits

are available for a range of professionals.

#### Register

<https://www.prospertogether.net/offers/tezQZ6xv/checkout>

#### More Information

<https://www.prospertogether.net/wyoming>

## 6 Hour Online Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Training

January 14, 21, 28, 2026  
1-3pm MT

Build confidence, competence, and comfort in supporting individuals at risk for suicide. This interactive, evidence-based series combines discussion, video examples, and skills practice to provide practical tools for compassionate and effective intervention.

**Learn to** use respectful, nonjudgmental language when speaking with individuals at risk for suicide, collaboratively assist adults and youths with suicidal symptoms in ways aligned with their values and priorities, conduct a suicide risk assessment in 8 to 10 minutes, explore ambivalence and reasons for living with individuals at risk, develop a collaborative Crisis Response Plan, and provide brief interventions to deactivate the suicidal mode.

*If you or someone you know is in immediate danger of harming themselves, please call 911.  
If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide or is in emotional distress,  
contact the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by dialing 988 or visiting [www.988lifeline.org](http://www.988lifeline.org).*

**988** SUICIDE & CRISIS  
LIFELINE

## Jae Boots for Wyoming High School Seniors

The Jae Foundation strives to create hope and a future by taking a transformational approach to mental health awareness, suicide prevention, and providing healing for those who have lost loved ones through a simple platform that Jae loved so much: **Cowboy Boots**. With every pair of boots comes a conversation that would have never happened, a Boot-Check moment that we all need.

The High School Senior Boot Program is the top priority of the Jae Foundation. This initiative, aimed at supporting High School Seniors, provides each student with a pair of Jae Boots along with a bold message of mental health awareness, suicide prevention, and resilience. This transformational approach provides the ultimate Boot-Check for these students, reminding them that they are loved, valued, wanted, and needed here and that they have a community around them.

This program is designed to connect with high school seniors during a pivotal time in their lives—as they prepare to graduate and transition into their next chapter. The goal of this initiative is to equip students with tools to have bold conversations about mental health and commit to reaching out if they are ever in need. These seniors are challenged to “take the reins” and go back into their respective High Schools and create a Boot-Check culture. These Boot-Check days are changing school cultures by encouraging students to check in on themselves and each other and to talk about mental health.

During the fall of 2025, the Jae Foundation High School Senior Boot Initiative impacted over 5,500 Idaho and Wyoming High School Seniors and worked with over 60 different High Schools.

Source: <https://jaefoundation.com/>

## Virtual Training Series

The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services' Virtual Training Series offers free, expert-led sessions that empower Wyoming's employers, employees, and job seekers. Covering essential workforce topics like labor standards, workplace culture, customer service, compliance, and career advancement, this dynamic series delivers practical insights and real-world strategies that help tackle challenges, strengthen workplaces, and drive success.

The 2026 series begins on Jan. 20 with *Maximizing Your Talent Pool: The Untapped Benefits of Hiring People with Disabilities*, presented by Callie Davis of DWS's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. This opening session will help employers understand the compelling business and cultural advantages of broadening their talent pipeline, including tax benefits, increased retention, improved workplace morale, and practical strategies for implementing reasonable accommodations. Real-world examples from Wyoming employers will illustrate how disability-confident hiring can strengthen teams and expand talent pipelines.

Throughout the year, DWS will offer a variety of sessions that address essential workforce topics such as supporting career exploration, building strong safety and risk practices, launching or expanding apprenticeship programs, deepening understanding of key labor programs and protections, leveraging digital tools for hiring and business growth, and improving communication and collaboration across a multigenerational workforce.

All sessions are delivered virtually, making it easy for attendees across Wyoming, from the largest communities to the most rural regions, to participate. The series is provided at **no cost** and is open to the public, though registration is required.

Visit [dws.wyo.gov/dws-division/communications/virtual-training-series](https://dws.wyo.gov/dws-division/communications/virtual-training-series) to view the schedule, register for 2026 sessions, or to view past 2025 sessions.

Source: [dws.wyo.gov](https://dws.wyo.gov)

## SAVE THE DATE

### Brain Injury Summit

March 9-13, 2026

Hilton Arlington National Landing Hotel — Washington, DC

For the first time, three powerhouse organizations are joining forces to host their conferences together – one location, one-week, endless opportunities. Attendance is flexible between the three events.

Visit: [www.braininjurysummit2026.org/program](http://www.braininjurysummit2026.org/program)

- ♦ Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA)  
**National Brain Injury Conference and Awareness Day** | March 9-11
- ♦ National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA)  
**SEED Summit** | March 10-12
- ♦ North America Brain Injury Society (NABIS)  
**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Brain Injury** | March 11-13

### Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Luncheon

March 11, 2026

Little America Hotel and Resorts — Cheyenne, WY

### Greater Rockies Immersive Training on Exploitation and Trafficking (GRIT) Conference

*Advancing Victim Engagement and Trauma Response*

April 20-22, 2026

Doubletree by Hilton — Billings, MT

Register: [www.uprisingwyo.org/grit/](http://www.uprisingwyo.org/grit/)

### Wyoming Public Transit Association, Inc. (WYTRANS) Annual Conference

June 16-18, 2026

Casper, WY

### PIC Annual Conference

*Stronger in the Classroom and Beyond*

September 19, 2026

### Wyoming Developmental Disabilities Conference

October 2026



#### MISSION STATEMENT

To establish,  
expand, protect,  
and enforce the  
human and civil  
rights of persons  
with disabilities  
through administrative,  
legal, and other  
appropriate remedies.

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