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National AT Awareness Day

April 22, 2026

11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Health Sciences Building
Room 151 & Health Sciences Atrium

Help celebrate AT Awareness Day with Wyoming Assistive Technology Resources (WATR). Explore assistive technology (AT), watch demonstrations, connect with the community, and enjoy refreshments. Visit the WATR lab to learn about assistive technology available through the short-term loan program and the services that are provided across the state. Come discover new technology and see how the WATR program supports AT across the state.

National AT Awareness Day recognizes the essential role assistive technology plays in the daily lives of people with disabilities and older adults. These tools help people learn, work, communicate, and live independently in their communities. This day highlights the importance of continued federal support and funding so that everyone who needs assistive technology can access it. Assistive technology is not a luxury—it is a necessity that opens doors to education, employment, and full participation in community life.

This day is also a time to recognize and thank the assistive technology specialists, program coordinators, researchers, and professional organizations who work tirelessly to connect people with the right tools for their individual needs. Their dedication helps ensure that people with disabilities and older adults can live with dignity, independence, and opportunity.

Source: <https://www.uwyo.edu/wind/watr/index.html>;
<https://ataporg.org/policy-and-advocacy/national-at-awareness-day/>

Children’s Mental Health Waiver

The Children’s Mental Health Waiver is a short-term home and community-based program. Magellan of Wyoming, in partnership with the Wyoming Department of Health Division of Healthcare Financing (Medicaid), manages the Children’s Mental Health waiver which covers Wraparound services in Wyoming for children and youth with complex behavior health care needs and gives extra support right where they live. Wraparound provides care coordination services to help support the entire family including helping parents and caregivers get the support they need while ensuring children get the care they deserve. This support includes mental and physical healthcare and works with other community services to help kids stay safe at home and in school, and stay out of trouble.

Wraparound can provide support for children and youth between the ages of 4-20, and offer families assistance with:

- Community Engagement and Socialization
- Crisis Intervention and Safety Planning
- Benefits Enrollment Assistance
- Care Coordination
- Counseling and Therapy
- Parenting Education and Support
- Skill-Building and Education Support
- Help getting money for food and other needs

Wraparound can help if:

- A free program makes sense for the youth and the family
- Additional mental health or behavior support is needed
- Youth are or could be Medicaid eligible
- Youth are at risk for being placed out of their home in detention or a hospital
- Youth and their care givers would benefit from having a team of support

Visit <https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/home-2/referral-form/> to fill out a Referral Form and a staff member will contact you.

Visit <https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/> or call 1-855-883-87405 or for more information.

Source: <https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/home-2/how-can-the-childrens-mental-health-waiver-help-help-your-family/>



PREPARE TO VOTE

2026 Elections

Primary – August 18
General – November 3

Registration Qualifications

- Be 18 years of age on Election Day
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a resident of Wyoming
- Be a bona fide resident of Wyoming for not less than 30 days before the date of the election
- Not convicted of a felony, or if convicted, has had Wyoming voting rights restored
- Not be adjudicated mentally incompetent

Required Documents to Register

1. Proof of Identity
2. Proof of United States Citizenship
3. Proof of Wyoming Residency

Register In Person or By Mail

- At the office of your County/Town Clerk
- At the polls during early voting or on Election Day
- Mail a completed voter registration form and the required documents to your County Clerk’s office

DEADLINE to change registered voter party affiliation is May 13, 2026.

ABSENTEE BALLOT — Voters can request an absentee ballot at any time in 2026 prior to the day of an election.

VOTER ID — Wyoming voters are required to show an acceptable form of identification when voting in person.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on acceptable identification and documents visit [https://sos.wyo.gov/Elections/State/ RegisteringToVote.aspx](https://sos.wyo.gov/Elections/State/RegisteringToVote.aspx).



UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Parkinson's Symposium

Learn More. Live Better

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Gateway Center, Laramie, WY

Speakers: Alex Baumgartner, MD, UCHealth Anschutz
Emma Bjore, MD, Ivinson Medical Group

Regardless of where you are in your Parkinson's journey, there are many things you can do to live well. Managing daily life with Parkinson's disease involves learning and adjusting as symptoms and needs change. This program addresses some common challenges and provides important information, resources, and strategies to help you find the balance between a proactive approach and wondering what lies ahead. This event is free and open to people with Parkinson's and their families. Register at <https://www.parkinson.org/events/2026/laramie-symposium>.

Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Summit

April 30 – May 1, 2026

**Platte Valley Community Center
Saratoga, WY**

The Jay Kemmerer WORTH Institute and the Wyoming Office of Outdoor Recreation are pleased to convene the 2026 Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Summit (WORS). The WORS is the state's signature annual gathering for leaders across outdoor recreation, tourism, and hospitality. Co-hosted by the Wyoming Office of Outdoor Recreation and the Jay Kemmerer WORTH Institute, the Summit brings together industry partners, educators, policymakers, students, and community members to strengthen Wyoming's outdoor economy through collaboration, research, and workforce development. Keynote speaker is Stacy Bare, National Geographic Adventurer of the Year, Executive Director of Friends of Grand Rapids Parks, and US Army Veteran.

Register at <https://www.uwyo.edu/worth/events/wors.html>.

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Wyoming Summit on Social Drivers of Health

April 29 – April 30, 2026

Casper College, Casper, WY 82601

This in-person event will bring together communities from across Wyoming to understand the connection between health services and healthy communities by addressing unmet needs. It also offers exhibitors, sponsors, and partners the opportunity to engage with attendees to build long-term business relationships.

Wyoming's Second Annual Statewide Educator Conference: TeacherCon26

August 3-4, 2026

Best Western, Casper, WY

TeacherCon26 brings together three specialized tracks under one roof: Special Education, Literacy, and Principal Leadership Academy. Join educators from across Wyoming for this comprehensive professional development experience presented by the Wyoming Department of Education.

PIC Annual Conference

Stronger in the Classroom and Beyond

September 19, 2026; 8:00am—5:00pm

Laramie County Community College

This event is designed for families, educators, and community partners who believe in the power of working together to help students thrive – both in school and in life and focuses on building student success through family engagement, educational support, and community collaboration. Visit <https://wpic.org/2026-pic-conference> for more information. In-person and virtual attendance available.

Wyoming Independent Living Peer Advocacy Conference

August 12-14, 2026

Save the date! More information coming soon!

Wyoming Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Developmental Disabilities Conference

October 14-16, 2026

Ramkota Hotel, Casper, WY

Save the date! More information coming soon!

Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado & Wyoming 2026 Camps and Retreats

Purple Peaks Retreat

April 24-26, 2026
YMCA Snow Mountain
Ranch, Grandby, CO

Adults 18+ living with epilepsy will connect with others, explore aspects of self-care, and learn more to feel and live better with epilepsy.

Register at:

<https://epilepsycoloradowyoming.org/connect-with-others/camps-retreats/>

Rock n' Rally Camp

June 26-28, 2026
Cal-Wood
Education Center
Jamestown, CO

Provides kids ages 8-12 living with epilepsy and their siblings, and youth 8-12 who have a parent with epilepsy an opportunity to build confidence and have fun in the great outdoors.

Camp Never Give Up

July 15-19, 2026
YMCA Snow Mountain
Ranch, Grandby, CO

Provides teens with epilepsy ages 13-17 an opportunity to focus on what they can do through the support and encouragement of caring peers and camp staff.



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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WIND Consumer Advisory Council

About the CAC

The Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND) Consumer Advisory Council (CAC) members provide crucial perspectives on issues related to disability services, training, research, and local needs. Members help connect WIND services and activities to communities across the state. If you are a person with a developmental disability, a family member, or someone who supports individuals with disabilities, we invite you to apply!

Join the CAC

By joining the CAC, you become a partner in guiding WIND's work – advising on programs, identifying community needs, and helping create meaningful change.

For more information or to apply, visit www.uwyo.edu/wind/cac.

As a member you:

- Participate in two virtual and two in-person meetings a year
- Serve on WIND CAC and Advisory Committee to share resources, ideas, and networks
- Represent WIND at local and regional events and share information about WIND's work