

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT UPDATE

2021

CDS-CC/EHS

The Community Assessment for CDS-CC was conducted for the service area, Campbell County, Wyoming, using a myriad of data collection techniques. The techniques involved surveys and interviews of parents, community members, health and human service providers, early childhood providers, and staff. Current census data was also gathered through reviews of previously conducted assessments and review of state, federal, and county statistical reports. The data collected was analyzed and collated into this update.

The timeline for the update to the Community Assessment began in October 2020 with the gathering of data from census reports, previously conducted surveys and assessments, family assessments, interviews of community and state resources, and updating the information on current community service agencies. Once all the data was updated and gathered, the report was completed.

The report was submitted to Policy Council and Children's Developmental Services Board of Directors for their review. The update of the Community Assessment identified Campbell County's demographics, strengths, key priorities, and challenges the community has identified.

The **Children's Developmental Services of Campbell County** is a Department of County Government. The center is located at 1801 S. 4-J Road, Gillette, WY 82718.

- Early Head Start provides services to 36 children and their families who qualify for services. Home Based services are provided to all enrolled families, which consist of weekly home visits and twice-monthly socializations.
- The program has a total of 9 children/pregnant women on the waiting list, with 9 of those children/pregnant women qualifying based on income; 5 children/pregnant women are age eligible/over income (also includes those whose incomes have not yet been verified).
- The Campbell County Board of Commissioners provides a great deal of support to the Children's Developmental Services through funding and training opportunities.

Demographics: Campbell County

- Campbell County covers approximately 5,000 square miles or about three million acres.
- Campbell County's 2019 population was estimated at **46,341** which is **99** more residents than 2018's population of **46,242**. The population of children under the age of five living in Campbell County is estimated at **3,337** or **7.2%** which is **316 fewer** than 2018 at **3653** or **7.9%**. Source: U.S. Census Bureau
- **7.7%** of the county's population is living in poverty which is down from **8.4%** in 2018. **257 children under the age of five live in poverty**. There were **660 births** in Campbell County in 2019. An estimated **50 pregnant women and 257 children birth to three (total of 307)** would qualify for Early Head Start which is down from last year's assessment at **399 pregnant women and children who would qualify for EHS**. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division; U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder; U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts; and CCMH Website
- Of the estimated **257** children birth to age three **living in poverty** in Campbell County broken down by race is **White: 243** or 94.7%; **Hispanic: 22** or 8.9%; **American Indian/Alaskan Native: 4** or 1.6%; **Black or African American: 2** or **0.7 %**; **Asian: 2** or **0.8%** **Two or More Races: 5** or 2.2%. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division
- **94.03%** of Campbell County, Wyoming residents speak **only English, while 5.97% speak other languages**. **The non-English language spoken by the largest group is Spanish, which is spoken by 5.27%** of the population. Source: U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts; U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder
- The Median Family Income in Campbell County is \$82,659 (**married-couple family household is \$100,869**.) The median income for a male is \$69,605 and \$40,829 for a female. Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Wyoming Kids Count Data Book.

Community Issues

- Campbell County continues to battle drug and alcohol abuse and is still ranked #1 county for Driving While Impaired. In 2019 the City of Gillette saw a slight increase in Adult DUI arrests from **262** in 2019 to **245 Adults and 1 Juveniles in 2020** while the County reported an increase from **454 alcohol related driving offenses** to **505 alcohol related driving offenses (501 adult and 4 juvenile DUI arrests)**. The City of Gillette recorded **540 narcotic related calls (349 adults and 58 juveniles arrested)** which is down from **592 narcotic related calls (534 adults and 86 juveniles arrested)** while the County recorded an increase from **585 narcotic related arrests (575 adults and 10 juveniles)** in 2019 to **721 narcotic related arrests (715 adults and 6 juveniles)**. The City of Gillette reported they issued **93 MIP citations** down from **104 MIP citations** in 2019, and the County issued **30 MIP citations** down from **64 MIP citations** in 2019. Source: Interview: Police Department, Leah Foster; Interview: Campbell County Sheriff's Office, Alicia Burg
- Suicide has continued to be a concern in Campbell County. In 2019 there was an increase in suicides from **4 suicides to 7 suicides but a decrease in attempts. In 2020 there were 25 suicide attempts**, a decrease from 89 suicide attempts in 2017. The Gillette Police Department and the Campbell County Sheriff's Department had a combined total of **45 individuals (a decrease from 66 in 2017)** detained on Title 25-involuntary hospitalization for those with mental illness to prevent them from harming themselves or others. Source: Interview: Campbell County Sheriff's Department, Alicia Burg; Gillette Police Department, Leah Foster
- In 2020 Gillette Police Department responded to **521 Domestic Violence Offenses** resulting in **129 arrests** with **78 being alcohol related** compared to **197 Domestic Violence Offenses** resulting in **110 arrests** with **78 being alcohol related** in 2017. Source: Interview: Police Department, Leah Foster
- In 2019 Campbell County Sheriff's Office made **128 Domestic Violence calls with 139 arrests. (30 were alcohol related) (No narcotic information given)**. Source: Interview: Campbell County Sheriff's Office, Alicia Burg
- The Gillette Police Department reported **46 child abuse offenses** and **34 child neglect offenses** in 2020 up from **39 child abuse offences** and **32 child neglect offenses** in 2017. Source: Interview: Police Department, Leah Foster
- The Campbell County Sheriff's Office responded to **24 calls** that were **child abuse/neglect related** with **12 arrests made. (No alcohol/drug info given)** compared to 2017 where they had **12 child abuse or neglect offenses** which resulted in **4 arrests** and **3 of those arrests were due to alcohol and 1 was drugs** Source: Interview: Campbell County Sheriff's Office, Alicia Burg
- **55 children** under the age of 5 were **placed in foster care homes** in 2019. Source: Interview: Department of Family Services, Bonnie Volk (307) 682-7277

- **19.8%** of Campbell County pregnant women had **less than adequate prenatal health care in 2019** compared to **15.2%** reported in 2018; **34.3%** births were to **single mothers**; **33.4% births to teen mothers**. Source: Wyoming Kids Count
- Due to COVID-19, Best Beginnings, a Maternal Child Health Program through Campbell County Public Health, has not operated since the end of February 2020. The program will not continue into the new year; however, a new program will be rolled out in the 1st quarter of 2021 called Wyoming Hand in Hand. This program is an evidenced based home visiting program to help families in our community. Data collection will occur in the following year. Source: Interview: Joli Carr Campbell County Public Health (307) 682-7275
- Children's Developmental Services of Campbell County provides disability services to children birth through age five. The November 2020 count of children receiving services totaled **251** children; **64-birth to age three**, and **187-age three through five**. Source: Interview: CDS-CC, Trena Bauder
- Over **562** children were screened in 2020. **251 children** (Birth to 3 years old) were screened with **42 referred for further evaluation** resulting in **42 identified as a child with a disability** and an Individualized Family Service Plan developed. **311** children (3 to 5 years old) were screened with **82 referred for further evaluation** resulting in **66 identified as a child with a disability** and an Individualized Education Plan developed. Source: Interview: CDS-CC, Trena Bauder
- Head Start eligible children in Campbell County receive services through Wyoming Child and Family Development. **Seventy-three (73)** children and their families receive Head Start Services (*eighteen of those children are enrolled under the TANF program*) with an additional **6** children on their waiting list. Source: Interview: Head Start, Jessica Baker (307) 682-4214
- CCSD-Title 1 Program includes **9** elementary schools and **1** preschool program (Ready 4 Learning). Providing Title 1 services to **2,177** K-6 students and **48** Pre-K students for a total of **2,225** students. Source: Interview: CCSD-Title 1, Holly Ailts, Wagon Wheel 307-686-1060
- **955 or 11%** of students enrolled in Campbell County School District received special education services in 2019 program year compared to **1,130 or 12.9%** in 2018-2019. Source: Wyoming Department of Education (WDE)
- **300 children** were served through **McKinney-Vento Program** during the 2019-2020 school year. **Source:** Interview: CCSD, Court Lutgen, Westwood High School 307-682-9809

Health and Nutrition Services

- Campbell County continues to have a need for adequate dental services available to low income families on Medicaid. There are **2** pediatric dentists who accepts Medicaid, one travels from Casper, WY to see patients **one day a week**, and one recently opened a full-time office in Gillette providing services in Campbell County with other family dental service providers whose appointments are scheduled at least **six (6) months in advance**. **One (1)** Gillette family dental practice is accepting **Medicaid/T19** patients and **six (6)** who accept **Kid Care CHIP of WY**. Many of our parents travel to neighboring counties for dental services who will accept Medicaid. Source: Called all dental offices to confirm Medicaid status.
- Doctors: Campbell County has **5** Obstetricians, **10** Family Practitioners with five (1) offering obstetric care, and four (4) Clinic and **5** Hospitalist Pediatricians. Source: CCMH Website
- **98% of** Early Head Start children are enrolled in private, CHIP, or other state funded program for health insurance. Source: 2019 Head Start Program Information Report
- Campbell County Memorial Health provides Behavioral Health Services which consists of inpatient crisis intervention, outpatient mental health, and substance abuse programs. Crisis support continues to be a challenge for families in need. CCMH Behavior Health has **one (1)** General Psychiatrist, **one (1)** Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, **two (2)** Psychologist, **two (2)** APRN and **one (1)** each of the following: LMFT/CATC, MA LPC, and PA-C, and access to General Psychiatrists via Tele-psychiatry. Campbell County Memorial Health has partnered with the Campbell County School District to provide **four (4)** Counselors available to families through the CCSD Kid's Clinic. Gillette has **nine (9)** private mental health offices which **six (6)** accepts Medicaid and T/19. **One (1)** office provides services during evenings and weekends. Source: CCMH Website and CDS-CC Community Resource Guide.
- Early Head Start contracts for monthly on-site mental health services with a local mental health clinician. Staff consulted with a mental health professional regarding **26** children and their families, **three (3)** of those families received mental health consultation **three or more times**. Source: 2019 Head Start Program Information Report (Most recent accessible data)
- **93%** of Early Head Start families are enrolled in WIC and **64%** receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Source: 2019 Head Start Program Information Report (Most recent accessible data)
- **Due to COVID-19, all Campbell County Students have received free breakfast/lunches since spring 2020 and they will continue through the 20-21 school year.** Prior to COVID-19 the Wyoming Department of Education's websites most recent data from 2016 stated that **38.5%** or **3,362** students in Campbell County are eligible to receive free or reduced priced lunches. Source: Wyoming Department of Education Website

- The Council of Community Services through the Soup Kitchen provided **19,309** meals in 2019 with 684 Food Pantry Households. Source: Council of Community Services Impact Report.
- In 2020, **867** Campbell County households received SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) up from **843** in 2017; and **27** households received POWER (Personal Opportunities with Employment Responsibilities) up from 22 in 2017; with a total of **894** households with a total value of coupons of **\$385,368** up from **\$303,142** in 2017. Source: Interview: Department of Family Services, Keely Sowder

Childcare

- Campbell County has **62** licensed childcare providers, who can serve a total of **1,617** children from birth to age 12 providing more openings for infants. In 2016 there were **60** licensed childcare providers with **1,672** openings available for children birth to 12. Source: Data Center: (Most recent accessible data)
- Most Early Head Start families typically find childcare from un-licensed family members or friends. Source: 2020 EHS Parent Survey

Campbell County Economy

- Campbell County's source of revenue comes from natural resources; coal bed methane, natural gas, oil, and uranium. A small portion derived from motor registrations and grant funding. Source: Campbell County Treasures Office-Crystal Conley
- Currently there are **719 job openings** online in Campbell County with **9,955 potential candidates** in the workforce system looking for work which is down from **721 job openings** in 2017 with an increase of **1,480 potential candidates**. Source: Wyoming Department of Workforce Services.
- At the end of 2020 the unemployment rate for Campbell County was **6.4% or 1,549 people without jobs** up from **4.1% or 924** people without jobs in 2017. Source: Wyoming Department of Workforce Services.
- In 2020 the average monthly rent for a two-bedroom apartment, unfurnished and excluding gas, electricity, cable or phone has increased **0.4% from \$696** in 2019 to **\$699** (*\$1,600 in rent, security deposit and utility deposit are due prior to moving in*). A monthly lot rent for a single wide mobile home (including water) has **stayed the same with 0.0% increase/decrease** from **\$478** in 2019 to **\$478**, a rental mobile home (including lot rent) has **decreased -1.8%** from **\$746** per month in 2019 to **\$732**, and a 2/3-bedroom, single family, excluding gas and electric has **increased 1.2%** from **\$1,115** in 2019 to **\$1,128**. Source: Wyoming Cost of Living Index –Table 4 Average Rental Rates 2019 & 2020

Key Priorities:

Parent Education and School Readiness
Accessible and Affordable Health/Dental Care
Accessible and Affordable Mental Health Care
Substance Abuse
Family Violence

Strengths:

The Community has a “can do” attitude
Wide range of available services
Pregnant women receiving prenatal care
Collaboration among agencies
School District

Challenges:

Boom and bust economy
Quality and accessible childcare
Accessible and Affordable Housing
Affordable health care

SOURCES:

2020 Early Head Start Family Survey

2019 Head Start Program Information Report

2019 Wyoming Kids Count

Campbell County Memorial Hospital Website: www.ccmh.net

Council of Community Services Impact Report Website: <https://www.ccsgillette.org/impact-report>

Interview: Best Beginnings, Joli Carr

Interview: CDS-CC, Trena Bauder

Interview: CCSD-Title I, Holly Ailts

Interview: Council of Community Services, Sheri Haynes

Interview: Department of Family Services, Keely Sowder and Bonnie Volk

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Interview: Head Start, Jessica Baker

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U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

Wyoming at Work Website: www.wyomingatwork.com

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Wyoming Department of Education Website: www.edu.wyoming.gov