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Development, Operation & Expansion of Community-based & Prevention-focused Programs	Services Provided to Families by Local Programs	Unmet Needs Identified by the Inventory
▪ The Wyoming Children's Trust Fund Board (CTF) is the designated state lead agency for CBCAP. ▪ CTF is a major participant in the collaborative effort between the Wyoming Department of Family Services Comprehensive Social Services Plan, Program Improvement Plan and several public and private agencies providing services to families in crisis**.**	▪ Statewide public awareness, education, and advocacy ▪ Forensic and comprehensive services for child abuse and neglect victims ▪ Parenting education ▪ Family Resource Centers ▪ Mentoring programs and other services for high-risk youth ▪ Recruitment and training of CASA volunteers ▪ Visitation services for children and noncustodial parents ▪ Therapy ▪ Foster care parent support ▪ In Home Parent Mentors Program ▪ Family Management Skills Training	▪ RFP requires proposals to demonstrate community planning and community need. ▪ Some of Wyoming's unmet needs include: ⬩ Some individual's inability to effectively parent their children thus increasing the risk of child abuse and neglect. The majority of the providers supported by the Wyoming Children's Trust Fund provide some type of parenting education. ⬩ Children having a voice in court proceedings. The advocacy programs provide representation for these children who cannot speak for themselves.
Description of Number of Families Served	**Outreach to Special Populations**	**Parent Leadership**
▪ Total Served by CBCAP funded programs: ⬩ 849 families and 173,370 individuals were served. This number includes individuals reached through mass media or mail campaigns. ⬩ An estimated 52 families with children, 4 families with parents with disabilities and 107 individuals with disabilities were served. ⬩ By program: CASA: 256 individuals, 102 families, 9 families of children with disabilities, ⬩ Family visitation and child advocacy: 736 individuals, 184 families, 38 clients with disabilities ⬩ Youth mentoring: 132 individuals, 124 families, 37 families of children with disabilities ⬩ Youth Crisis Center: 86 individuals, 26 families, ⬩ Statewide public education: 170, 270 individuals, 100 families ⬩ Foster parent support: 41 individuals ⬩ Services for at risk youth: 1,388 individuals, 12	▪ The 14 funded programs report that there is a very diverse representation of families involved in the design and operation of the network programs. The ethnic diversity ranges from Hispanic to Native American. The age diversity ranges from 12 years to 50 years with younger teen parents dominating the direct service and parenting programs. Some examples of successful outreach: ⬩ There are a high number of teen parents involved in the design and evaluation of parenting classes. ⬩ Some providers, such as the Self-Help Center and Special Friends/Youth Alternatives reach out specifically to troubled teens and offer them mentor support. ⬩ Services on the Wind River Child Hope Advocacy Center are tailored specifically to the Native American culture on the Wind River Reservation. ▪ The Wyoming Children's Trust Fund's request for proposal (RFP) to potential providers specifically outlines requests to serve populations with disabilities. The	▪ The Wyoming Children's Trust Fund Board's newest board member is a foster parent. This individual brings with him many years of foster care experience that informs the Lead Agency's decisions on allocating funding to grantees. ▪ Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming, a recipient of CBCAP funding through the Wyoming Children's Trust Fund, sponsors Circle of Parents and Circle of Grandparents. These training classes teach new parenting skills and help alleviate the stresses many parents feel. ▪ In the peer review process, the reviewers are asked to ascertain the degree of involvement parents have in the design and operation of the program.

families, 6 families with children with disabilities, 4 parents with disabilities, 6 clients with disabilities • Sweetwater Parenting classes: 22 individuals, • Family Resource Center: 148 individuals, 19 families, 41 clients with disabilities • Prevention education and child advocacy center: 9 individuals, 9 families • Parent Education Seminars: 231 individuals, 228 families • Family Management Skills: 51 individuals, 45 families	selected providers who receive the grants then report on the number of people with disabilities they serve on a quarterly basis.	
Training and Technical Assistance	**Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities**	**Innovative Funding Mechanisms**
▪ The social services consultant assigned to the Lead Agency provided technical assistance (TA) to the grantees by on-site visits to each provider. The TA included operational support, training, and technical assistance to community-based prevention-focused, Family Resource and Support Programs. ▪ Grantees are required to participate in a regional and/or statewide conference. ▪ Lead agency hosted a 2-day statewide conference for community-based network grantees on the Protective Factors Framework and use of the Protective Factor Survey to assess outcomes, documenting outcomes, Evidence-Based Programs and Practice, and building an evaluation plan. On the second day, four grantees presented on their peer reviews.	▪ The Lead Agency directed a statewide child abuse and/or neglect prevention program in April 2009, centered on reducing major injuries and death. Network members had a critical role in disseminating Public Service Announcements (PSA) and other education material throughout their communities. Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming lead the way with the Governor signing a proclamation designating April as child abuse awareness month. The media was present to cover this event.	▪ The Lead Agency coordinates with the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program to help fund family preservation. ▪ Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming, a local chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America, partners with the Lead Agency on a Shaken Baby Campaign for the state of Wyoming in 2009. ▪ The Lead Agency's funding of Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming helps financially support Circle of Parents parental programs in the state to alleviate the stresses of parenting and teach new parenting skills. ▪ The grants to the 14 prevention programs in the state network utilize both Federal CBCAP funds and State funding garnered through birth certificate and death certificate surcharges.
Linkages with Other Systems (Child Welfare, PSSF, Early Childhood, etc.)	**A. PART Data Efficiency Measure that Supports EBP and EIP Practices**	**B. Demonstration of High Level of Satisfaction Among Families**
▪ The Lead Agency is a major participant in the2009 Program Improvement Plan (PIP) for Wyoming's child welfare system. The PIP process was started after the second round of the CFSR in June 2008 and has included many internal and external stakeholders throughout Wyoming. This plan constructs strategies and actions steps needed to address areas needing improvement for providing		

services to families. ▪ Members of the Wyoming Children's Trust Fund Board are also involved in Wyoming's 2009-2013 Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP). The purpose of this plan is to integrate the results of Wyoming's 2008 Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) and the strategies outlined with Wyoming's Program Improvement Plan (PIP). The incorporation and continuation of the strategies outlined within the PIP into the 2009-2013 CFSP will enable the creation of a comprehensive plan that is both outcome-based and framed within the context of the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) process.		
C. Results of Peer Review	D. Evaluation Data on Funded Programs, the Lead Agency & the Network	Other Elements:
▪ The peer review process in Wyoming has undergone revisions. During FY 2007 the Peer Review Committee of the Family Preservation Program was reorganized and did not conduct peer reviews. The Peer Review Committee also functions as the Department of Family Services Citizen Review Committee. ▪ The Peer Reviews started in FY 2008. The actual peer review process is based in part on members who volunteer to review and those members who live in close proximity to the project to be reviewed. The peer reviewers are asked by the Lead Agency Program Manager to visit the program, discuss their goals and objectives, and attend a program activity as a peer. In addition, the reviewers are asked to ascertain the degree of involvement parents have in the design and operation of the program. All grantees have developed at least an elementary process for the Peer Reviews.	▪ Each CBCAP-funded program, using new Empowerment Evaluation forms developed by the CTF, reported on Expected Outcomes, Indicator Measurements, Data Sources, and Progress Achieved. Highlights of some programs: ⬩ Hope Nurturing Sessions: Expected Outcome: 100% of parents gain knowledge about effective parenting and 94% of class participants improve family management skills. Progress Achieved: 29% ⬩ Ongoing Counseling/support services: Expected Outcome: 94% of families to become more nurturing and effective in family management. Progress Achieved: 30% ⬩ CASA : Expected Outcome: Safe, positive time for children to spend with family members. Progress Achieved: 100% of this contact was free of conflict and abusive behavior. ⬩ Family Resource Center using Nurturing Parenting Classes, anger management classes and home visits: Expected Outcome: Parents will understand developmental stages and adjust appropriate expectations to fit ability of children; will not use corporal punishment; will uphold correct parental roles and family structure; will understand personal power for selves and children; parents will implement structure and discipline. Progress Achieved: • AAPI scores averaged 16.7% improvement	▪

	• Nurturing quiz scores averaged 16.63% improvement • SFRC Parenting post questionnaire scores averaged 97% • Anger management questionnaire scores averaged 31.19% improvement. • One person was reported by DFS as having a substantiated charge after taking SFRC classes.	

State Allowable Claims:	**$172,111**
Population-Based Allocations:	**$200,000**
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations:	**$ 7,506**
Final State Allocations:	**$207,506**

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