



## Wyoming State Project

### [Covering Kids in Wyoming](#)

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$986,545

**START DATE:** July 1, 1999

**INTERVENTION:** CBO Training  
Businesses  
Providers  
Schools  
Faith

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** Rural/Frontier  
Adolescents  
Native American  
Migrants  
University-based students  
Ranching community

### Grant Overview

The Wyoming Covering Kids Project is administered through the Wyoming Department of Health, Division of Public Health. The Wyoming Covering Kids Project is the outreach component to the Wyoming Kid Care health insurance programs and is committed to: 1) simplifying the enrollment process of these programs; 2) coordinating with all community and national partners that work for the health and well-being of children and families; and 3) conducting and implementing effective outreach strategies.

Identifying and enrolling eligible children in free or very affordable health insurance programs is a challenge due to the rural nature and large size of Wyoming. An estimated 5,000 uninsured children in Wyoming (living up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level) are eligible for free or very affordable health insurance through Wyoming Kid Care but are not enrolled. The Wyoming Covering Kids Project is committed to removing the barriers that prevent children from having the health insurance they need to be healthy, happy and successful. The Wyoming Covering Kids Project has established seven demonstration sites or pilot projects that will explore the issues that surround children's access to affordable health coverage.

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**STATE PILOT PROJECTS:** [Fremont County](#)  
[Natrona County](#)  
[Laramie County](#)  
[Uinta County](#)  
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## Wyoming Pilot Project

Fremont County

**INTERVENTION:** Schools  
Providers  
Businesses  
Head Start

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** Native American  
Rural/Frontier

### Pilot Overview

Fremont County is the largest county in Wyoming. It is home to Wyoming's only Native American Reservation, the Wind River Reservation, where the Shoshone and the Arapaho tribes live. This rural frontier county is sparsely populated and has higher rates of unemployment and teen pregnancy than the state average. Therefore, identifying and enrolling uninsured children in this county is essential to the well-being of these residents. The Fremont Community Health Planning Coalition is the lead organization and will focus its efforts on collaborating with WIC, Fremont County Schools and Head Start programs, Food Banks, Indian Health Services and Physicians on the Wind River Reservation, as well as on outreach to low-wage employers and minority populations.

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## Wyoming Pilot Project

Natrona County

**INTERVENTION:** Businesses  
Schools  
Providers

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** University-based students

### Pilot Overview

Natrona County is located in the center of the state. Considered an urban area, it attracts community college students. The area historically has been dependent on the hard-hit oil industry. The struggling economy and the low-wage college student residents make this area prone to children without health insurance coverage. The Natrona County Healthcare Advisory Council is the lead agency for this project and will focus its efforts on utilization of the Early Intervention Council, coordination of public and private agency efforts, outreach to low-wage employers and to the community college population.

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## Wyoming Pilot Project

Laramie County

**INTERVENTION:** Providers  
CBO Training  
Schools  
Businesses  
Door-to-door

### Pilot Overview

Although Laramie County is considered an urban county, it has many rural areas and is home to 79,510 people. Laramie County Community Partnership is the lead agency for this project and will focus on family education, community and interagency collaboration and communication, and enrollment simplification.

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## Wyoming Pilot Project

Uinta County

**INTERVENTION:** Providers  
Businesses  
Schools

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** Rural/Frontier

### Pilot Overview

Uinta County is located on the Southwestern border of Wyoming. Uinta County has a proven track record of successful health outreach through the Uinta County Planned Approach to Community Health, the lead agency. This community coalition will focus on coordination with local health providers and on partnerships with law enforcement, social services agencies, ministerial associations, the WIC program and schools.

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## Wyoming Pilot Project

Weston County

**INTERVENTION:** Schools  
Providers

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** Rural/Frontier  
Adolescents

### Pilot Overview

Weston County is located in Northeast Wyoming. This isolated, frontier area is dependent on the oil, bentonite, agriculture and timber industries. The proliferating number of low-wage employers contribute to high rates of uninsured children. The lead agency is the Weston County Health Promotion Coalition, which will focus its efforts on coordinating with the Weston County Coalition for Youth, creating an Information Service Coalition, collaborating with communities and social service agencies, and conducting outreach through health fairs and county fairs.

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## Wyoming Pilot Project

Albany County

**INTERVENTION:** Businesses  
Schools

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** Rural/Frontier  
University-based students  
Ranching Community  
Minorities

### Pilot Overview

Albany County is home to the University of Wyoming and Medicine Bow National Forest. This rural area is located in Southeast Wyoming. The University dominates much of the landscape and is the main source of employment. The large student population and low-wage employment makes this county prone to having many uninsured children. The health planning coalition, called the Well Aware Committee, serves as the lead agency and will focus its efforts on enrollment, university-based outreach to students, as well as outreach to low-wage employers, ranching communities and minority populations.

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## Wyoming Pilot Project

Washakie County

**INTERVENTION:** Schools  
Businesses  
Faith

**TARGET POPULATIONS:** Rural/Frontier  
Migrants

### Pilot Overview

Washakie County is located in Wyoming's Big Horn Basin. This isolated area experiences a great deal of migrant labor. The Washakie County Community Health Planning Board, the lead agency, is known for its successful and energized coalition and truly understands the barriers to accessing health care and health coverage. The Board will focus on establishing an advocacy program, partnering with public health nursing and immunization clinics and WIC centers, collaborating with the community food bank and local health providers, educating families and conducting outreach through schools, communities, day care centers and the Chamber of Commerce.

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