

## COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

2018

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 time line for the update to the Community Assessment began in October 2018, 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 the Campbell County Board of Commissioners 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 17 children/pregnant women on the waiting list, with 6 of those children/pregnant women qualifying based on income; 11 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 is made up several rural communities with Gillette and Wright being the largest populated. Gillette's population is estimated at **30,560** with **3,545** or **11.6%** living below poverty level. Wright's population is estimated at **1,742** with **114** or **6.54%** living below poverty level. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder
- Campbell County's population is estimated at **46,242**. The population of children under the age of five living in Campbell County is estimated at **3,514** or **7.6%** which is **139 fewer** than last year at **3,653** or **7.9%**. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder
- **9.4%** of the county's population is living in poverty which is up from **8.4%** in 2017. An estimated **682 children under the age of five live in poverty**. There were **636 births** in Campbell County in 2018 down from **767 births in 2017**. An estimated **64 pregnant women and 409 children birth to three (total of 473)** would qualify for Early Head Start. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division; U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder; U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts; and CCMH Website
- It is estimated **6.5%** of families living in **Wright** meet the federal poverty level, of those, there are approximately **16** children under five years of age who live in poverty. Compared to **Gillette**, where there are an estimated **11.6% or 609** children under the age of five live in poverty. The remaining **57** children in Campbell County living in poverty are spread across the expansive rural area of the County. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder.
- Of the estimated **409** children birth to age three **living in poverty** in Campbell County broke down by race is **White: 69** or 16.9%; **Hispanic: 95** or 23.3%; **American Indian/Alaskan Native: 55** or 13.5%; **Black: 47** or 11.4%; **Asian: 2** or 0.4% and **Some Other Race Alone: 141** or 34.4%. The following is a breakdown by race for Campbell County: Caucasian 97.2%; Hispanic 8.4%; American Indian 2.8%; and Some Other Race 0.9%; Asian 1.0%; Black 0.9%; Native Hawaiian 0.2%; and Some other race 0.9%. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

- **5.0% or 2,227 people Campbell County** speak a language other than English; **61.6% or 1,371 people** speak English “very well”; and **38.4% or 856** speak English less than “very well”. **6.3% or 1,828 people in Gillette, WY** speak a language other than English; **64.2% or 1,173 people** speak English “very well”; and **35.8% or 655 people** speak English less than “very well”. **16.3% or 274 people in Wright, WY** speak a language other than English; **52.9% or 145 people** speak English “very well”; and **47.1% or 129 people** speak English less than “very well”. Source: U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts; U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder
- The Median Family Income for **Wright Families** is **\$78,345 (Households - \$75,500; Married-Couple Families - \$79,878; and Nonfamily Households - \$63,482)** There was insufficient data to break down for either single male or single female head of household. Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder
- The Median Family Income for **Gillette Families** is **\$76,341 (Married-Couple Family Household is \$95,985; and Male Householder-No Wife Present - \$63,563; and Female Householder-No Husband Present - \$22,169)**. Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder
- The Median Family Income for **Campbell County Families** is **\$78,106 (Married-Couple Family Household is \$96,287; and Male Householder-No Wife Present - \$63,417; and Female Householder-No Husband Present - \$23,590)**. Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder
- An average Early Head Start family in Campbell County consists of **three persons, 88% are single moms, with an annual income less than \$7,000**. There are an estimated **1,679 families below poverty level** in Campbell County; **699 or 7.2%** are married couple family households, **134 or 8.3%** are single father households, and **846 or 40.7%** are single mother households. Source: 2018 EHS Family Survey; 2018 Wyoming Kids Count
- An estimated **100** children, birth to three, in Campbell County live in homes where grandparents are the head of household. An estimated report of **9,693** children under the age of 18 years live in married-couple family households with **3.8% or 368** being their grandchildren; and **2,079** children under the age of 18 live in female head of household, no husband present, with **7.9% or 164** being their grandchildren. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

### Community Issues

- Campbell County continues to battle drug and alcohol abuse and is still ranked #1 county for Driving While Impaired. In 2018 the City of Gillette seen a slight increase in DUI arrests of **279 (258 Adults and 21 Juveniles)** compare to 2017 to **255 (253 Adults and 2 Juveniles)** while the County reported a decrease from **454 alcohol related driving offenses** in 2017 to **420 alcohol related driving offenses (417 adults and 3 Juveniles DUI arrests)** in 2018. The City of Gillette recorded a **10%** increase of **652 narcotic** related calls (**593 adults and 61 Juveniles arrested**) from **592 narcotic** related calls (**569 adults and 86 juveniles arrested**) in 2017 while the County recorded **22%** increase from **585 narcotic related arrests (575 adults and 10 juveniles)** in 2017 to

**713 narcotic related arrests (706 adults and 7 juveniles).** The City of Gillette reported they issued **89 MIP** citations down **from 104 MIP** citations in 2017, and the County issued **52 MIP** citations down **from 64 MIP** citations in 2017. 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 2018 the Gillette Police Department were called on **three suicides (2-adult males and 1-juvenile female)** and **36 suicide attempts (16-adult males; 15-adult females; 1-juvenile male; and 4 juvenile females)** with **68 detained on Title-25 Involuntary Hospitalization.** The County Coroner investigated **five suicides (3-adult males, 1-adult female; and 1-juvenile male)** for a total of **eight suicides which is down from 12 recorded in 2017.** The Campbell County Sheriff's Department responded to **52 attempted suicide calls with 30 detained on Title-25 Involuntary Hospitalization.** Source: Interview: Campbell County Sheriff's Department, Alicia Burg; Gillette Police Department, Leah Foster; and Deputy County Coroner, Billy Montgomery.
- In 2018 Gillette Police Department responded to **201 Family Violence Offenses** resulting in **117 arrests** with **69 being alcohol related** compared to **197 Family Violence Offenses** resulting in **110 arrests** with **71 being alcohol related** in 2017. Source: Interview: Police Department, Leah Foster
- In 2018 Campbell County Sheriff's Office responded to **132 Domestic Violence** calls (**37** of the them being **drug or alcohol related**) which was higher than in 2017 with **117 Domestic Violence** calls (**46 were alcohol related and 15 were drug related**). Source: Interview: Campbell County Sheriff's Office, Alicia Burg
- The Gillette Police Department reported **45 Child Abuse Offenses** and **30 Child Neglect Offenses** in 2017 **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 **15 Child Abuse/Neglect related** calls (**4 were alcohol /drug related**) with **1 arrest made** compared to 2017 had **12 Child Abuse or Neglect Offenses** which resulted in **4 arrests made (3 were alcohol related and 1 was drug related)** Source: Interview: Campbell County Sheriff's Office, Alicia Burg
- **70 children** under the age of 5 were **placed in foster care homes** in 2018. Source: Interview: Department of Family Services, Bonnie Volk
- **18.1%** of Campbell County pregnant women had **inadequate prenatal health care;** **33.7%** births were to **single mother;** **7.4%** births to **teen mothers (age 15-19);** and **10.7%** births were to **mothers with less than a high school education.** Source: 2018 Wyoming Kids Count
- In 2018 the Nurse Family Partnership through the Campbell County Public Health had **27** eligible referrals (**5** were 18 years old) and **enrolled 11 clients all over the age of 18.** Source: Interview: Nurse Family Partnership, Joli Carr

- **15.4% smoked while pregnant and 9.9% were low birth weight babies.** Source: 2018 Wyoming Kids Count
- Children's Developmental Services of Campbell County provides disability services to children birth through age five. The December 1, 2018 count of children receiving services totaled **290** children; **83-birth to age three**, and **207**-age three through five. Source: Interview: CDS-CC, Trena Bauder
- Over **869** children were screened in 2018. **360** (Birth to 3 years old) were screened with **85 referred for further evaluation** with **61 identified as a child with a disability and an education plan was developed**. **509** (3 to 5 years old) were screened with **11 referred for further evaluation** with **94 identified as a child with a disability and an education plan was developed**. Source: Interview: CDS-CC, Trena Bauder
- Head Start eligible children in Campbell County receive services through Wyoming Child and Family Development. **Seventy-two (72)** children and their families receive Head Start Services (*eighteen of those children are enrolled under the TANF program*) with an additional **35** children on their waiting list. Source: Interview: Head Start, Shelly Hagen
- CCSD-Title 1 Program includes nine elementary schools and two preschool programs. Providing Title 1 services to **2,287** K-6 students and **48** Pre-K students for a total of **2,335** students. Source: Interview: CCSD-Title 1, Anita Weischedel
- **1,104 or 12.68%** of students enrolled in Campbell County School District received special education services in 2017/2018 program year compared to **1,169 or 13.4%** in 2016/2017. Source: Wyoming Department of Education (WDE)
- **272 children** were served through **McKinney-Vento Program** during the 2017/2018 school year which has increased from **266** for the 2016/2017 school year. **Source:** Interview: CCSD, Courtney Lutgen

### Health and Nutrition Services

- Campbell County continues to have a need for adequate dental services available to low income families on Medicaid. There are **three** pediatric dentists who accepts Medicaid, one travels from Casper, WY to see patients **one day a week**, and the other two have full-time offices in Gillette providing services in Campbell County with other family dental service providers. **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 where appointments are schedule at least six months out.
- Doctors: Campbell County has eight (8) Obstetricians, ten (10) Family Practitioners with four (4) offering obstetric care, and four (4) Clinic and nine (9) Pediatricians. Source: CCMH Website

- **100%** of Early Head Start children are enrolled in private, CHIP, or other state funded program for health insurance. Source: 2018 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)** APRN and **one (1)** PA-C, and access to General Psychiatrists via Tele-psychiatry. Campbell County Memorial Health has partnered with the Campbell County School District to provide **three (3)** Counselors available to families through the CCSD Kid's Clinic. Gillette has **nine (9)** private mental health offices which **seven (7)** 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 on **six (6)** children and their families, **two (2)** of those families received mental health consultation **three or more times**. Source: 2018 Head Start Program Information Report
- **100%** of Early Head Start families are enrolled in WIC and **92%** receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Source: 2018 Head Start Program Information Report
- **36.24%** or **3,156** students in Campbell County are eligible to receive free or reduced priced lunches which has **slightly decreased from 38.3% or 3,348** students in 2017. Source: WDE Website
- The Council of Community Services through the Soup Kitchen provided **18,555** meals in 2018 with an average of **51 meals per day** which is down from **20,694** meals in 2017 with an average of **57 meals per day**. In the past families, could get weekly support, now they are only allowed monthly food support if food is available. In 2018 the Food Pantry provided **97,064 meals** to about **1,251 families** which breaks down to **104 families** per month consisting of **1,799 adults** and **940 children which is less than in 2017 where 1,320 families were getting nutritional support**. In 2018 the Food Pantry gave out **340 Thanksgiving Meal Baskets** compared to 2017 where **399 Thanksgiving Meal Baskets** were handed out. In 2018 the Food Pantry pass out **558 Christmas Dinner Baskets** compared to 2017 where **441 Christmas Dinner Baskets** were given out on a first come first source basis. Source: Interview: Council of Community Services, Sheri Haynes
- In 2018, **716** Campbell County households received SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) down from **843** in 2017; and **21** households received POWER (Personal Opportunities with Employment Responsibilities) down from **22** in 2017; with a total of **737** households or **1,696** recipients down from a total of **865** households or **2,057** recipients in 2017 with a total value of coupons of **\$209,037** down from **\$251,088** 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. Source: Data Center: Kidscount.org
- Most Early Head Start families typically find childcare from un-licensed family members or friends. Source: 2018 EHS Parent Survey

## Campbell County Economy

- Campbell County's source of revenue comes from natural resources. Campbell County coal is shipped to 36 states where 99% of it is used to generate electricity. Powder River Basin coal is in high demand due to its low sulfur content which equates to very low emissions. 40% of the nation's coal is mined from Campbell County, as well as coal bed methane natural gas, oil, and uranium. Source: CCEDC Website; and Gillette Chamber of Commerce
- Currently there are **755 job openings** online in Campbell County with **7,037 potential candidates** in the workforce system looking for work which is up from **721 job openings** in 2017 with a decrease from **8,446 potential candidates**. Source: Wyoming at Work website
- At the end of 2018 the unemployment rate for Campbell County was **3.7% or 843 people without jobs** down from **4.1% or 924 people** without jobs in 2017. Source: Wyoming Department of Workforce Services.
- In 2018 the average monthly rent for a two-bedroom apartment, unfurnished and excluding gas, electricity, cable or phone has **increased 4.7%** from **\$630** in 2017 to **\$660** (*\$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 **increased 1.6%** from **\$455** in 2017 to **\$462**, a rental mobile home (including lot rent) has **increased 2.4%** from **\$732** per month in 2017 to **\$750**, and a 2/3-bedroom, single family, excluding gas and electric has **increased 11.5%** from **\$987** in 2017 to **\$1,100**. Source: Wyoming Cost of Living Index –Table 4 Average Rental Rates 2Q17& 2Q18
- The Economic Policy Institute estimates it takes **\$60,644** a year or **\$5,054** a month for **1 adult and 1 child**; **\$83,962** a year or **\$6,997** a month for **1 adult and 2 children**; and **\$95,329** a year or **\$7,944** a month for **2 adults and 2 children**. Source: Economic Policy Institute Website.

**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:**

2018 Early Head Start Family Survey

2018 Head Start Program Information Report

2018 Wyoming Kids Count

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