

# STARS Suggested Professional Learning Opportunities

## Wyoming-Based (no-cost)



College of Health Sciences  
Wyoming Institute  
for Disabilities



**University of Wyoming ECHO Sessions:** UW ECHO in Early Childhood increases the capacity of early childhood professionals to identify and implement best practices in areas that include early literacy, transitions, behavior support and identification, and referral detection.

Network participants include case managers/family service coordinators, general educators, home daycare providers, paraeducators, related service providers (OTs, PT, SLPs, etc.), school administrators, school directors, school counselors, school psychologists, social workers, special educators, state agency staff and all others interested in improving outcomes for students in the early childhood setting.

UW ECHO in Early Childhood is a collaboration with the Wyoming Department of Health and the Wyoming Early Childhood Outreach Network.

- **Early Childhood (uwyo.edu)**
    - Recorded sessions:
      - Click on the left-hand tab: Recorded Sessions
      - Filter by Session Topic
    - Live Sessions
      - Scroll down to find live sessions and the dates and times.
      - Click on the zoom link for live sessions.
- \*\*\*Courses are automatically credited from UW ECHO.



**Wyoming Kids First Thinkific:** Visit our Thinkific site to participate in professionally developed trainings that promote education and action in support of Wyoming children. \*\*\*Send in an evaluation form or certificate of completion to [info@wyostars.org](mailto:info@wyostars.org).



**Governor's Mental Health Summit & More:** The Governor's Mental Health Summit & More site offers a variety of recorded and live sessions. \*\*\*Send in an evaluation form or certificate of completion to [info@wyostars.org](mailto:info@wyostars.org).



[Wyoming Early Childhood Professional Learning Collaborative:](#) The mission of the Wyoming Early Childhood Professional Learning Collaborative is to elevate the early childhood field in Wyoming by providing high-impact\* professional learning opportunities to educators working with young children and Families. The Wyoming Early Childhood Professional Learning Collaborative offers live sessions as well as individualized learning opportunities. To visit previous Cowboy State Early Childhood recorded sessions visit: [Here](#). \*\*\*Recorded sessions will require you to complete and evaluation form and submit to [info@wyostars.org](mailto:info@wyostars.org). Live sessions will instruct you on how to receive credit.



[STARS Thinkific:](#) This site offers a variety of training, including Health and Safety courses, business resources and licensing topics. All sessions are recorded. When setting up your account be sure to use the same email address as you used when setting up your STARS account. Accounts set up with the same email address will automatically be credited.



WYOMING EARLY CHILDHOOD  
BEHAVIORAL CONSULTANTS

[Wyoming Early Childhood Behavioral Consultants:](#) Early Childhood Behavioral Consultants use best practices to work alongside early childhood professionals in your environments, with respect for your schedules and experience and knowledge. We will share strategies, look at and model evidence-based practices, and help you implement individual plans for care for your most challenging children.

In addition, we work with you to address and hopefully prevent behaviors from children going forward that are taxing your teaching staff and interfering with classroom guidance and instruction.



**WY Quality Counts:** This site offers resources for Professional Learning. Scroll down and look under Resources: Professional Training. \*\*\*\*Please note this site offers a variety of professional development opportunities and it is the educators responsibility to ensure the courses they complete are STARS approved (see below).

## Finding Approved Courses

To ensure the courses you are completing are STARS approved, follow these instructions:

1. Log into your STARS account.
2. Click on: Training Calendar
3. Follow steps: Find Course

### Find Course

1. Select Find Course
2. Enter the Course title

Find Course

As of September 30, 2021, STARS will not be awarding credit for courses that are not pre-approved. Search here to determine if your course is pre-approved.

Participants, if the course is approved, send your completed evaluation form or certificate to STARS.

If the course is not approved, complete the course [approval form](#) and submit it to STARS. Sponsors, please submit your course approval online by selecting Add Entry from the Sponsor Agency Tools. Please allow 7 days for your course to be approved in STARS.

Course title contains

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Search

3. Click Search
  - a. This will show you a list of all approved courses with the course title you searched. Please note the course title must be an identical match the course you are interested in viewing.