

WY Childcare Provider Supports

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Are you interested in starting, growing or transferring your childcare business? Get started with free supports in Wyoming.

Stage	Checklist and supports
<i>Planning</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a comprehensive business plan and budget<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Watch WY Small Business Development Center's (SBDC) childcare business plan and budgeting sessions and contact SBDC for free 1:1 support◦ Contact Wyoming Women's Business Center (WWBC) for free 1:1 support or DreamBuilder business planning• Apply for WWBC micro-loan program
<i>Licensing (Required items for licensure)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete DFS' Child Care Digital Licensing Toolkit<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Contact DFS Licensing Support specialist at 307-777-3540 with any questions◦ Register for Wyoming Statewide Training and Resource System (STARS) and WY Stars Thinkific for Health & Safety and business trainings
<i>Setup and launch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Craft a curriculum based in WY early learning standards<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Contact UW WY Early Childhood Professional Learning Collaborative (WYECPLC) to implement WY's Coherent Path to Quality and Early Learning Standards◦ See NAEYC curriculum and WY DFS teaching tools for off the shelf curriculum development materials• Establish policies and procedures for daily operations and contingencies<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Set rates based on cost of care determined in business planning and budgeting◦ Watch SBDC's childcare management session (home-based) and contact SBDC for free 1:1 support (any type of provider)• Setup reimbursements for quality care<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Apply for CACFP and Kids' Nutrition Company for meal and snack subsidies◦ Support families to access the childcare subsidy

<i>Operations and growth</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue personal and staff professional development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Receive scholarships through WY Quality Counts for credentials, conferences, and training ◦ Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS) Business Training Grants • Support children’s personalized learning and development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Work with WY’s Early Childhood Behavioral Consultants to support development and establish plans for challenging behaviors • Learn and collaborate with other providers in WYECPLC’s Childcare learning communities
<i>Exit planning</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a succession plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Contact SBDC for free 1:1 succession planning coaching ◦ Review the WBC’s Succession Loan option with your banker.

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