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What gets measured gets done...  
...what gets rewarded gets done well.

**THANK YOU DFS!**

## 2006/2007 Wyoming Mini CFSR Schedule

### 2006

- 8/28/2006 - 9/1/2006
  - Cheyenne
- 9/25/2006 - 9/29/2006
  - Douglas, Glenrock, Lusk
  - Torrington, Wheatland
- 10/30/2006 - 11/3/2006
  - Cody, Greybull, Powell, Thermopolis, Worland
  - Riverton, Lander
- 12/4/2006 - 12/8/2006
  - Rawlins, Laramie

### 2007

- 1/8/2007 - 1/12/2007
  - Casper
- 2/5/2007 - 2/9/2007
  - Buffalo, Sheridan
  - Gillette, Newcastle, Sundance
- 3/5/2007 - 3/9/2007
  - Evanston, Kemmerer, Rockspings
  - Afton, Jackson, Pinedale
- 4/9/2007 - 4/13/2007
  - Eastern Shoshone Tribe
- 4/16/2007 - 4/20/2007
  - Northern Arapahoe Tribe

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# TIME TO CELEBRATE



**June 7, 2006**  
**2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**  
**Riverton Holiday Inn**



## Wyoming DFS Is Making A Difference!

***A sneak peak at DFS positive trends  
as noted in the  
2006 Citizen Review Annual Report***

***“I cannot remember a time when the interaction between the Department of Family Services and the Tribes has been better.”*** – Velma Rhodes, Social Services Director, Northern Arapahoe Nation

The above quote recorded at a Citizen Review Panel (CRP) meeting in April of this year summarizes a general feeling from around the state about DFS services that will be expounded upon in this year’s annual CRP report. **DFS should be proud and there is reason to celebrate the good work that is being done around the state.**

In the columns to the right, are ten positive trends heard or documented consistently during the Wyoming Mini CFSR process. These ten items will be highlighted in the CRP annual report and supported with data including further quotes from citizens, DFS collaborators and Mini CFSR reviewers.

Another comment from the Mini CFSR process in 2006 supports the positive trend that DFS is experiencing in Wyoming with regards to their standing:

***“I am a counselor in the community; I did not like or appreciate DFS until my son became involved with them, now I would recommend DFS to any of my clients when appropriate.”***

The positive trends for DFS to be highlighted in the 2006 CRP Annual Report include:

- **DFS’s Family Centered Practice Model is being used around the state (a recommendation from last year’s report)**
- **Positive interaction between support staff and clients**
- **Relinquishments are increasing around the state giving children permanency faster**
- **DFS’s standing in the community appears to be increasingly positive over the past year**
- **DFS caseworkers are becoming increasingly engaged in their cases while facing daunting challenges**
- **The Wyoming Boy’s School and Wyoming Girl’s School are appreciated for their dedication and good work**
- **Relative placements around the state appear to be given more consideration**
- **Once DFS becomes involved, children are safe**
- **DFS caseworkers are taking the lead in mitigating systemic barriers and becoming stronger advocates for the youth and family they serve**
- **Intakes for children and families and independent living assessments are being completed more consistently (a recommendation from last year’s report)**

**Good Job DFS!**