

Wyoming Children's Justice Act Task Force

Three Year Assessment

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WYOMING CHILDREN'S JUSTICE
ACT TASK FORCE



Wyoming Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force

The Wyoming CJA Task Force meets virtually on a quarterly basis, to review cases of major injury and child fatality. During these reviews, a comprehensive analysis is made to ascertain investigative, administrative, and judicial shortfalls and concurrent solutions and recommendations. The CJA Task Force also meets as needed to discuss the operational/business matters of the Task Force several times a year.

The mission of the Task Force is to review and assess how Wyoming's child protection, criminal justice and medical systems handle child maltreatment cases and make recommendations for improvement. The members are committed to ensuring that the systems designed to protect maltreated children do not re-victimize them and that quality of care does not depend on where you reside in the state.

The CJA Task Force has recently recruited many new members who have considerable knowledge of the policies and practices governing child abuse and neglect cases. Task Force members continuously examine the strengths and needs of the child maltreatment/protection and criminal justice systems. They share information, discuss system needs and concerns, and review current activities in their respective disciplines.

The Children's Justice Act provisions of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) require that every three years, the Task Force must review and assess the systems that handle child maltreatment cases and make recommendations for improvement. The Task Force must make recommendations in the following areas:

- A. Investigative, administrative and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment-related fatalities, and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as interstate, federal-state, and state-tribal, in a manner which reduces additional trauma to the child victim and the victim's family, and which also ensures procedural fairness to the accused.
- B. Experimental, model and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings, or enhance the effectiveness of judicial and administrative action in child abuse and neglect cases, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation cases, including enhancement of performance of court-appointed attorneys and guardians ad litem for children, and which also ensure, procedural fairness to the accused.
- C. Reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children from abuse, particularly sexual abuse and exploitation, while ensuring procedural fairness to the accused.

System Improvements in Past Three Years

The following recommendations were made by the CJA Task Force in the previous Three Year Assessment. These recommendations were meant to improve the child protection and criminal justice systems, and to ensure children involved are not re-victimized by these systems under these categories:

- A. Investigative, administrative and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment-related fatalities, and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as interstate, federal-state, and state-tribal, in a manner which reduces additional trauma to the child victim and the victim's family, and which also ensures procedural fairness to the accused.

- a. Recommendations for System Reform:

- 1. We strongly request the Department of Family Services (DFS) conduct a comprehensive assessment of caseload sizes statewide.
 - a. The Department of Family Services, through work with the University of Kansas, has developed a caseload report which accurately captures the average caseloads per district and office to allow for a more effective assessment of resources and resource allocation.
- 2. Updates to the WyCAPS system are imperative. To have quality assurance for the Major Injury Case Reviews, standardizing of information is critical.
 - a. The Department of Family Services is currently in the process of designing and developing our new Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System. The system will be implemented on July 1, 2024.
- 3. The WyCAPS system intake form should be included in the files to be reviewed by the Major Injury and Child Fatality Case Review.
 - a. The CJA Task Force Coordinator has updated the review process prior to the file review to include assessing if this information is present.
- 4. Develop a standard definition of "Major Injury." This would include building a keyword search for WYCAPS, so when a particular term is included in the intake, the case is automatically marked for inclusion in the Major Injury Case Review.
 - a. The Department of Family Services is currently in the process of designing and developing our new Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System. The system will be implemented on July 1, 2024.
- 5. Update policy to ensure adequate law enforcement and medical

information is included in the files on all major injury and sexual abuse cases.

- a. The CJA Task Force Coordinator has updated the review process prior to the file review to include assessing if this information is present.
6. Educate caseworkers on the availability of funds to be used to pay for the mental health needs of clients.
 - a. Wyoming Division of Victim Services will provide a recorded training as it pertains to their services and funding to all Department of Family Services' staff.
7. Develop a tracking mechanism for cases where abuse and neglect transpired, but no judicial involvement occurred.
 - a. The Department tracks all major injury and fatality related reports. District Managers are required to provide notification of these cases within 24 hours of receipt for tracking and monitoring purposes. This includes reports that are not investigated by law enforcement. These cases are included in the review process.
8. If a forensic interview was completed as part of the investigation, the DVD needs to be in the file and noted in the narrative of the file.
 - a. Additional reviews of the case file information have been implemented prior to dissemination for purposes of the review. The forensic interview information has been better notated in the case file.
9. Update the current Child Protection Team Statute (14-3-212) to include "Investigative Teams."
 - a. There have been discussions regarding adding this language to the statute within the Task Force. Further work is needed in this area.
10. Continue to support the annual Wyoming Joint Symposium on Children & Youth. This training provides comprehensive and cost-effective training in the state for child abuse professionals.
 - a. CJA funds continue to be used to support this effort. Several CJA Task Force members sit on the board for the symposium which allows for particular recommendations and areas to be advocated for each year.
11. Need for the medical community to be educated on the "Child Protection Process" and their role in that process—emphasis on the role of the doctors to take protective custody.
 - a. The Department of Family Services provided a mandatory reporting presentation and the Wyoming Medical Society in the

fall of 2022, in addition to discussing the mandatory reporting requirements of medical professionals, the areas of identifying abuse and neglect were presented. In addition, the Department has provided 8 separate trainings specifically to medical staff statewide as it pertains to abuse and neglect.

In addition to the above mentioned activities, the CJA Task Force now also meets with the Department of Family Services training manager following each case file review. Recommendations from each quarterly review are provided to the training manager to ensure the areas specific to the agency can be addressed through training when appropriate.

B. Experimental, model and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings, or enhance the effectiveness of judicial and administrative action in child abuse and neglect cases, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation cases, including enhancement of performance of court-appointed attorneys and guardians ad litem for children, and which also ensure, procedural fairness to the accused.

System Reform:

1. Continue to improve the quality of forensic interviewing. With the emergence of forensic interviewing as a best practice, there also came the problem with ensuring high-quality interviews by trained individuals who participate in peer review and ongoing training.
 - a. Wyoming's Child Advocacy Centers of Wyoming are intending to implement a statewide peer review process beginning in 2023.

C. Reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children from abuse, particularly sexual abuse and exploitation, while ensuring procedural fairness to the accused.

System Reform:

1. Department of Family Services (DFS) and others involved in child abuse investigations develop a "Multi-Disciplinary Approach" to the investigation. The Task Force recommends a review of Title 14-Child Protection Teams. Interpretation of the statute differs among counties. Clarifying language to include, "Investigative Teams" and protocols for the teams as well.
 - a. The Department of Family Services has started providing training specific to major injuries and fatalities, which includes the importance of collaboration of all systems in these cases.
 - b. National Child Advocacy Center trainers will present at the Wyoming Joint Symposium on Children and Youth in 2023 with a focus on collaborative teams.
2. Explore existing states who have the ability of Caseworkers to take protective custody. Engage leadership of the Children's Justice Project (JCP) as well.

- a. Due to agency staffing and current statutory requirements, this recommendation has not been met.
3. Explore how the CJA Task Force can have direct access to a record to do a comprehensive review of our major injury case reviews. Advocate for medical and law enforcement information to be included with DFS case files. To include EMS reports and autopsy reports.
 - a. The CJA Task Force Coordinator has implemented a process to assess for appropriate information in the case file prior to dissemination to the Task Force members for review. Case information is provided to the CJP representative for purposes of providing additional court information. EMS information was incorporated into the Department of Family Services investigation procedure to increase the documentation in the case files.

Three Year Assessment Process

The Task Force has been conducting a systemic review and assessment over the past three years. Information gathered through our major injury and fatality review process has been compiled and analyzed by the Department of Family Services, the Wyoming Citizen Review Panel and other members of the Task Force to develop recommendations and goals for purposes of systemic improvements.

1. Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases.
2. Administrative practices that are not supportive of a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach.
3. Systemic practices that are outdated and need improvement.
4. Experimental, model, and demonstration programs to improve the prompt and successful resolution of abuse investigations and judicial outcomes.
5. Best practice models that foster the collaboration between all disciplines who are held accountable for the investigation, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse.

Going forward, we would like to gather and assess other data and processes to compile our information for the subsequent next 3-year assessment that would include:

1. Continue to consider other relevant information generated by the various committees and panels on which many of our task force members also serve.
2. In 2022, the CJA Task Force presented at the Symposium to provide information regarding our purpose and recommendations. With that the Task Force would like to survey participants at the 2023 Joint Symposium on Children & Youth to identify trends and frustrations in the current system and also to identify training needs.
3. Continue to increase Task Force Members to have representation on all the required disciplines.

Current Recommendations

- A. Investigative, administrative and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment-related fatalities, and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as interstate, federal-state, and state-tribal, in a manner which reduces additional trauma to the child victim and the victim's family, and which also ensures procedural fairness to the accused.
 - a. Recommendations for DFS Reform:
 1. Risk assessments should be completed on every child in the home, not just the child of concern. This may assist us in catching other issues.
 2. Are Mandatory Reporters really reporting as often as they should be? Earlier and more frequent reporting means earlier intervention. At the legislative level, changes must be made to ensure that circumstances exist for violations of “Failure to Report.”
 3. A specific training related to recognizing the signs of neglect needs to be provided to frontline workers.
 4. The Task Force will work together with DFS to identify a “threshold process” for how many repeat contacts are made with a family before an affidavit is submitted. Development of a Matrix or set of guidelines.
 5. All members of the child welfare system would benefit from additional and/or renewed training on recognizing the signs of child physical abuse.
 - b. Recommendations for Systems Reform
 1. SANE Exams must be completed on all cases where child sexual abuse is suspected.
 2. More thorough physical assessment of child physical abuse victims by licensed medical professionals may assist victims to avoid further serious injuries.
 3. The CJA Task Force believes all children in the home should receive a forensic interview as a potential witness, in order to strengthen the criminal investigation.
 4. Need for the medical community to be educated on the Child Protection processes and their role in that process—emphasis on the role of the doctors to take protective custody.
 5. Research should be done regarding why more infants are not tested for the presence of illegal drugs at birth? What are the reasons this is not more widespread testing? Do constitutional concerns exist with this?
- B. Experimental, model and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings, or enhance the effectiveness of judicial and administrative action in child abuse and neglect cases, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation cases,

including enhancement of performance of court-appointed attorneys and guardians ad litem for children, and which also ensure, procedural fairness to the accused.

- a. Recommendations for System Reform:
 1. Conduct a needs assessment into Forensic Interviewing and its current application and practice here in Wyoming. Engage with policy makers, at the state level, regarding Forensic Interviewing and the steps necessary for standardization including training and certification. Assess the need for and the available funding possible.
 2. Forensic Interviewers should all adhere to national best practice.
 3. The state should consider a thorough investigation into whether or not a non offending parent was neglectful when a child fatality has occurred in the home.
 4. Discussion and/or training needs to be done with members of the Wyoming legal system regarding Juvenile Court cases and concurrent Criminal Court case handling.
- C. Reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children from abuse, particularly sexual abuse and exploitation, while ensuring procedural fairness to the accused.
 - a. DFS System Reform
 1. Education of the medical community as it pertains to “Failure to Thrive” and how this circumstance is reportable to the Department of Family Services.
 2. Beyond DFS Core Training, more continuing education needs to be done to ensure case workers are staying up on the latest trends. Training in more advanced topics than those typically offered at core should be offered to front line workers.
 3. Work with DFS to research the abuse and neglect data related to the diversity of both the victims as well as the perpetrators.
 4. Work with DFS to ensure the creation of aftercare plans for victims of abuse and neglect prior to case closure.
 5. Treatment/case plans should be written to include every child in the home.
 6. The statutory definition of “Serious Bodily Injury” and the definition used by DFS are different. In the opinion of the attorneys on the Task Force, this must change and the statutory definition should be used.
 7. The Task Force suggests that DFS change policy to encourage collection of information for the life of the case, not just at the beginning of the case, when the Predisposition Report is being generated. The information should include but is not limited to requesting updated Law Enforcement

Records, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Records, Medical Records and School Records.

8. The Task Force recommends DFS emphasize the importance of comprehensive data and information collection when the Predisposition reports are being developed. This should include but is not limited to Law Enforcement Contact and Background Information. This should also include records from both Juvenile and Criminal Court from all persons of record associated with each case.
9. Improved communication between coroners and DFS. This communication would provide a more accurate picture of the true statistics and trends in our state.

b. Recommendations for System Reform:

1. The Task Force recognizes the need for upgrades to Wyoming Criminal statutes regarding sexual abuse toward children in Wyoming as new trends emerge.
2. As a system, are we doing a good job of providing Trauma-informed care? Is it readily available? Do we need more providers? More Funding? Advocate for more trauma informed training for our treatment providers. Trauma care is very dependent on the existence of a cooperative parent.
3. Strangulation needs to be added to the Wyoming Child Protection statute. This will likely take an action plan and educational effort in order to get the state legislature to pass this change. Strangulation has very severe effects, whether the results are fatal or not.
4. As a system, we must do a better job of addressing the needs of victims, specifically sexual abuse victims and their need for follow up with treatment
5. A specific and comprehensive training regarding ICWA should be developed and provided to MDT Team Members throughout Wyoming. This should be done in partnership with the tribes.
6. The Task Force would like to receive a presentation on the screening tool(s) used by the Wyoming Department of Corrections, to determine what services are provided to adult offenders convicted for the sexual abuse of children.
7. Continue education for community partners and the Department of Family Services around the Wyoming Division of Victim Services Crime Victim Compensation program.

Recommendations and Activities for 2022-2023

The Task Force continued to engage the members in developing measurable outcomes as it pertains to the recommendations that have been put forth and recommended several activities related to these as documented below.

Over the year period we have utilized the recommendations and funds to support national training for DFS staff and investigators, specifically they have engaged in a national investigative training provided by the University of Colorado Kempe Center, interviewing and engagement related training as well as Wyoming's Joint Symposium on Children and Youth. The University of Colorado also provides a multidisciplinary review of child abuse and neglect cases and DFS continues to utilize this service for cases involving major injuries and fatalities. DFS also continues to support staff and others involved with these very difficult cases through crisis intervention and secondary trauma support services, which is in part supported by CJA funding. We intend on continuing these training opportunities and services to improve our investigations and outcomes from the investigative processes.

2022-2023 Recommendation	2022-2023 Activity(s)	Cost
Continuation of the CJA Task Force Reviews and Meetings	The Task Force will meet quarterly, at a minimum. This is supported through the WYCRP and funding is provided through the WYCRP contract.	\$15,000
Statewide Conference to support training needs including: -CJA Task Force education and data sharing (Task Force members facilitated session) -Session specific to investigations including, sexual abuse investigations and trends, major injuries and fatality cases	Wyoming Joint Symposium on Children and Youth	\$10,00
On-going crisis and secondary trauma support for staff and communities that experience child major injury and fatality incidents	Contract with Brain Advancement Center for Crisis Intervention and Secondary Trauma Support	\$15,000
Training to staff and communities regarding major injury and fatality incidents, specifically a multidisciplinary team approach and improving interviewing and engagement skills	Training provided by DFS Special Investigation Unit, Interviewing Training as well as the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations provided by the University of Colorado Kempe Center	\$12,000

Proposed Activities for 2023-2024

The Task Force will continue to collaborate with the training manager at DFS in order to implement training recommendations following each review and utilize CJA funding to support appropriate training. As it pertains to any recommendations regarding statutory changes, the Task Force will engage with stakeholders and decision makers regarding these recommendations.

Over the course of the next year period the CJA Task Force will dedicate one meeting to developing and assessing measurable outcomes. The Task Force has also initiated conversations with Technical Assistance through The National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention. This activity will assist in developing goals and activities related to all current and future recommendations. DFS has also implemented a collaborative multisystem team that has focus on reforming community and system responses, which is called WY Home Matters. The Task Force will begin to work with this group to make recommendations for areas related to investigation of abuse and neglect to better support systemic changes. Lastly, the Task Force will survey stakeholders and review other data sources relevant to child abuse and neglect in Wyoming to ensure this information can be incorporated into all recommendations.

At this time there is one vacancy that exists for the CJA Task Force under Criminal Court Judge. The Task Force will work diligently to fill this role, as all other roles have been filled over the course of the past year.

Future Recommendation	Planned Activity(s)	Purposed Cost
Continuation of the CJA Task Force Reviews and Meetings	The Task Force will meet quarterly, at a minimum. This will be supported through the WYCRP.	\$15,000
On-going crisis and secondary trauma support for staff and communities that experience child major injury and fatality incidents	Contract with Brain Advancement Center for Crisis Intervention and Secondary Trauma Support	\$15,000
Statewide Conference to support training needs identified by CJA recommendations	Wyoming Joint Symposium on Children and Youth	\$10,00
Training to staff and communities regarding major injury and fatality incidents. Training targeted at medical providers in identification of abuse and neglect related incidents as well as ongoing	RFP and/or contract for statewide training to be provided to medical providers and community partners to increase identification of these incidents and improve the response and	\$20,000

needs for a multidisciplinary approach.	collaboration. Ongoing multidisciplinary approach training/support.	
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**Children’s Justice Act
Task Force Membership Listing**

State/Territory: Wyoming

Task Force Membership Designation	Name	Title	Organization	Relevant Background/Experience
Law Enforcement	Christopher McDonald	Special Agent/Team Leader/ICAC Commander	Department of Criminal Investigation	Agent McDonald brings many years of valuable experience to the Task Force, which he joined in 2022.
Criminal Court Judge	Vacant			
Civil Court Judge	Sean Chambers	Circuit Court Judge	Laramie County	Judge Chambers was appointed in April 2020 and has served since July 2020. Prior to this appointment, he served as the Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings, in addition to working as an attorney in private practice.
Prosecuting Attorney	Jennifer Stone	Deputy County and Prosecuting Attorney	Carbon County	Jennifer Stone has a wealth of knowledge as it pertains to prosecutorial experience.
Defense Attorney	Dan Wilde	Parent Attorney		Dan Wilde has decades of experience working with children and families in Wyoming in his different capacities as an attorney. Dan has worked as an Assistant Attorney General, Guardian Ad Litem, Deputy Director of the Department of Family Services, and as a private attorney representing parents.
Attorney for Children	Joseph Belcher	Director	Wyoming Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) Program	Joe Belcher has served on the Task Force since 2020. He has served as a GAL in multiple communities throughout Wyoming.
Attorney for Children	Faith Betz	Guardian Ad Litem	Wyoming Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) Program	Faith Betz has extensive experience serving as a Guardian Ad Litem in Wyoming.
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)*	Sarah Urbanek	Director	CASA of Laramie County	Sarah Urbanek has spent the last 10 years working and volunteering for children and victims of crime, helping to ensure they receive the best advocacy and that their rights are protected. She is very passionate about assisting people in her community and

				throughout the state. She is currently the Executive Director for CASA of Laramie County.
Health Professional	Julianne Lukassen	Forensic Nurse	Cheyenne Regional Medical Center	Julianne Lukassen is one of our newest members, having joined in January 2023.
Health Professional	Susan Brock	Manager, Forensic Nursing Program	Cheyenne Regional Medical Center	Susan Brock joined the Task Force in 2022. She oversees the forensic nursing program at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center in Cheyenne, WY.
Health Professional	Karley Taylor	Forensic Nurse	Cheyenne Regional Medical Center	Karley Taylor joined the Task Force in 2021. Karley is eager to continue to bring her unique experience to the Task Force.
Mental Health Professional	Randi Losalu	Operations Manager and Licensed Clinical Therapist	Specialty Counseling and Consulting	Randi Losalu currently serves as the operations manager as well as a Licensed Therapist at Specialty Counseling and Consulting. Prior to serving in her current role, Randi was also a tireless advocate for victims of crime in our state.
Child Protective Services	Laura Dobler	Program Manager	Department of Family Services	Prior to working at the DFS state office in Cheyenne, Laura was a child protective services field caseworker and supervisor. She brings this experience to her current role, and also serves as the DFS liaison as a member of the Wyoming Citizen Review Panel.
Individual Experienced in Working with Children with Disabilities	Bryan Cook	Executive Director	Wyoming Citizen Review Panel/CJA Task Force Coordinator	Bryan Cook has nearly 20 years of experience working with youth suffering from Behavioral and Emotional Disabilities. Over the years he has served as a juvenile probation officer, caseworker and an adoption recruiter for older foster youth.
Parent/ Representative of Parent Group	Sarah Urbanek	Parent		Sarah Urbanek is a CASA representative and also fills a vital role on the Task Force in providing the voice of a parent/foster parent. Sarah and her fiancé are raising a blended family with 8 children. In addition to that, they are also active foster parents.
Adult Former Victim of Child Abuse and Neglect**	Carissa O'Malley	Former Foster Care Youth		Carissa O'Malley has attended college and currently works full time. Carissa adopted one of her siblings and still advocates for youth in foster care. Carissa hopes to write a book someday. She is also currently working toward opening her own small business. She is also a member of the Wyoming Citizen Review Panel.

Individual Experienced in Working with Homeless Children and Youth	Shannon Cranmore	Homeless Education and Title ID Subpart 1 Program Manager	Wyoming Department of Education	Shannon Cranmore serves as the Homeless Education and Title ID Subpart 1 Program Manager for the state of Wyoming.
Other	Sara Serelson	Executive Director	Wyoming Children's Trust Fund	Sara Serelson is a very passionate advocate for children and families in Wyoming. Prior to her current position, Sara served as a child protection caseworker, program analyst and later a child protection field supervisor with the Wyoming Department of Family Services.
Other	Lisa Finkey	Director	Children's Justice Project - Wyoming Supreme Court	Lisa Finkey has served in her current capacity for the last 2 years. Prior to that, Lisa was a GAL working directly with youth in the Wyoming foster care system. Lisa is also currently an active foster parent.
Other	Rebecca Reid	Coroner	Laramie County	Rebecca Reid was elected as Coroner in 2018 after having served as a Deputy Coroner/Death Investigator for many years.
Other	Char Madden	Chief Deputy Coroner	Laramie County	Char Madden is a Wyoming Native. She began her law enforcement career at a young age and rose to the rank of Detention Sergeant. Over the years Char has also served as a D.A.R.E. Officer, Mounted Patrol Officer, and a Field Training Officer. She became the Chief Deputy Coroner in January 2019.
Other	James Whipps	Coroner	Natrona County	James Whipps has been the Natrona County Coroner since 2019. James brings many years of experience and a very unique perspective to the Task Force.
Other	Erin Ivie	Coroner	Fremont County	Erin Ivie joined the Task Force in 2022.
	Jennifer Davis	Senior Policy Advisor for Human Services to Governor Mark Gordon	Governor's Office	Jennifer Davis has served in previous roles as a pediatric physical therapist and a prevention advocate. The Task Force benefits greatly from her many years of experience as an advocate for youth and families in Wyoming.
Other	Chandra Ortiz	Program Manager	Kinship Connections of Wyoming	Prior to serving in this capacity, Chandra Ortiz was the Executive Director of CASA of Natrona County. She joined the Task Force in 2021.
Other	Cathy Hoover	Injury and Violence Prevention Program Manager	Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health	Cathy Hoover Joined the Task Force in 2022 and brings a wealth of knowledge as it pertains to injury prevention and public health related issues.

Other	Lynn Huylar	Director-Child Advocacy Center	Safe Harbor, a children's justice center	Lynn Huylar serves as the current Chair of the CJA Task Force. She has spent the past 24 years as the Director of the Cheyenne Child Advocacy Center and the onsite Child Forensic Interview. She has interviewed over 2,500 child victims of abuse and neglect. She began her career in child abuse investigations with the Laramie County DFS office. She provides training as a subject matter expert in the field of child abuse, forensic interviewing and childhood trauma.
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