



Buffalo Community Resource Handbook 2023-2024



The Parent Family and Community Engagement Framework (PFCE) blue column is embedded in this resource handbook to help you meet your Family Outcomes. If there is any information you need and cannot find it, please feel free to ask one of the staff members. **There is a copy on our website under your respective “Center” tab.**

<https://www.abshs.org/all-centers/buffalo>

We want to welcome all our families to Head Start! We look forward to working with you and your child and hope you find the year enjoyable. If you need to contact us, please call 684-2873.

MISSION: To provide building blocks for children and families for a lifetime of success

VISION: Building leaders for today and tomorrow

VALUES:

1. Individuals are respected and valued.
2. Open and honest communication is fostered.
3. Cultural diversity is respected.
4. A non- judgmental atmosphere will be created and non-judgmental attitudes will be demonstrated.
5. Equal educational opportunities are provided for all children and families, regardless of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual preference or disability.
6. Personal and professional growth opportunities are provided for staff and families.
7. Openness to and acceptance of progressive positive change is demonstrated.
8. Every individual has intrinsic worth. The opinions, experiences, and feelings of others are given consideration.

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Creative Curriculum

The Foundation helps teachers create a high-quality learning environment and build a thorough understanding of best practices. *Daily Resources* help teachers plan and manage every moment of their day. Through studies, which are hands-on, project-based investigations, *The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool* helps teachers build children's confidence, creativity and critical thinking skills, and promote positive outcomes.

ReadyRosie links with the Creative Curriculum that helps families deepen and scale their family engagement efforts in the education of their child. Teachers will use mobile technology to build powerful partnerships between families for "Ready Families, Ready Educators, Ready Children".

Parent Area

There is some required information like schedules, menus, and safety precautions on the parent wall at our center. You can get most of your information on our Facebook page "Absaroka Head Start-Buffalo". Please check it daily to keep updated. Another great resource for our parents is the Absaroka Head Start website:

<https://www.abshs.org/resources> *If you do not have internet access at home, you can access sites and others free at your local library or at the center during work hours.*

Volunteer

We encourage you to volunteer services and attend parent activities as it is a great time to be with your child and it greatly helps us out. We are meeting our 80% in-kind towards federal monies for the time parents spend volunteering. Please sign the in-kind sheet when you visit our center.

Sign-In/Sign-Out

We ask that you sign your child in and out every day. The sheet includes previously entered information, including your child's name and the date. Please sign your name and time during drop-off and pickup, on the correct date.

Newsletter/Calendar

We send out a monthly newsletter filled with our activities and other important information. It also has ideas for furthering your child's interest in wanting to learn so they become school ready. When you are excited and interested, your child will learn from your interest and want to learn more. There are Community Calendar events posted on the center's Facebook page. We follow Johnson County School District #1 calendar.

Absaroka Head Start-Buffalo Center

**621 W. Fetterman Drive
Buffalo, WY 82834**

**Professional Development Specialist..... Julie Kaufman
Regional Coordinator.....Monica Granger
Full Day Teacher..... Jeffreyanne Von Heeder
Teacher Aide.....Gina Coleman
Family Health Services Aide.....Anita Bybee
Cook..... Meggan Black**

Schedule

Arrival time for children in the **morning** is **8:15 AM** and pick up time is **3:30 PM**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We have an open-door policy; however, for children’s safety, we keep our doors locked. Please knock hard and loud on the door, ring the doorbell, or call the center.

Please help us Recruit! Please give referrals for children who might want to come to Head Start as we recruit year-round.

Family Well-Being		
Safety	Address	Number
<i>Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Victim Services</i>		
24 hour Crisis Hotline		1-800-684-2030
Compass Center for Families/CASA	224 N. Main St.	307-684-2446
Department of Family Services Main	381 North	307-684-7281
Family Crisis Center	255 E. Fetterman	307-684 -2233
Justice of the Peace	76 N. Main	307-684 -5720
Police/Sheriff/Ambulance/Fire		911
Police/Sheriff Department	639 Fort St.	307-684-5581
Probation and Parole, Room #4	600 Veterans Lane	307-684 -7601
Public Defender-Erin Wardell-Sheridan	203 S. Main	307-672-814
WY Highway Patrol/Auto	Accidents & Emergencies	800-442-9090
WY Poison Control		800-222-1222
Housing Stability		
Buffalo Apartments Ltd Suite # 104	300 W Fetterman	307-684-5431
Buffalo Realty	294 N Main St	307-684-9531
Clear Creek Apartments	351 S Cedar St	307-684-2860
Cloud Peak Vista Apartments	160 Glencoe Way	307-684-8570
Forever Western Properties	30 Dally Lane	307-684-7972
Harmony Apartments		307-672-2810
Mountain West Realtors	490 N Main St	307-684-8886
Electricians/Power Companies		
Big Horn Electric	201 Flat Iron Drive	307-217-1081
Chesbro Electric	2651 4 th Ave	307-684-8613
Clear Creek Electric LLC		307-217-9189
Ruby Electric	461 High Street	307-214-4120
Powder River Energy Corp		307-674-6466
Tri County Gas, Inc.		307-278-1381
Health		
Public Health Nurse	85 Klondike Dr.	307-684 -2564
Medical Clinics		
Big Horn Pediatrics & Family Medicine	106 West Angus St	307-620-8845
Buffalo Urgent Care	496 Fort St	307-278-0280
Children's Clinic	Billings, MT	406-281-8700
Developmental Pediatric Services	Casper, WY	307-472-3769
Family Medical Center	497 Lot	307-684-2228
Goose Creek Pediatrics-Sheridan	1701 W 5th St	307-672-7700
Northeast Wyoming Pediatric Associates	916 Jackson Ave.	307- 675-5555
Johnson County Public Health	85 Klondike Drive	307-684-2564
SCL Health – St. Vincent's Children's	Billings, MT	406-237-5300
Hospitals		

Johnson County Health Care Center	497 Lot	307-684-5521
Pharmacy		
Cornerstone Pharmacy	150 E Hart Street	307-620-7071
Prescription Shop	431 Fort St	307-684-7003
Dentists		
Big Horn Pediatric Dentistry Suite B-Sheridan	642 Val Vista	307-674-5437
Buffalo Dental Clinic		307-684 -7533
Cotant Family Dentistry		307-684 -2733
Eagle Summit Dental	1001 Eagle View	307-684-0119
Vision		
Eye Care of the Big Horns-Sheridan	1033 Coffeen Ave	307-674-0444
Lion's Club - assistance for glasses for kids	PO Box 64	307-272-0287
Sheridan Eye Care Center	116 S Main St.	307-675-2020
Vision Center OD	114 W. Angus	307-684-5501
Walmart Vision Center-Sheridan	1695 Coffeen Ave	307-673-2500
WyoVision-Sheridan	1450 Sugarland Dr.	307-673-5177
Mental Health		
Action Life Services Child Services Dana Hill	963 Fort St #4	307-217-2414
Alcoholics Anonymous	521 W. Lott	307-684 -9414
Celebrate Recovery	980 N. Main St	307-217-1283
Volunteers of America Buffalo Clinic	521 W. Lott	307-684-5531
Rhonda Money, MSW		307-217-0159
Abintra Psychological Assoc	175 Pine St	307-684-5828
Rose M. Harriet, LPC Suite 2	781 Klondike Dr.	307-217-2161
Employment		
Department of Employment-Sheridan	61 S. Gould	307-672-9775
Wyoming Workforce Services	https://dws.wyo.gov/	307-473-3789
Financial Stability		
ANB Bank	99 S Main St.	307-684-2201
Bank of Buffalo	106 Fort St	307-684-5591
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	600 Veterans Lane	307-684 -2787
First Interstate Bank	40 E Hart St	307-684-2581
First Northern Bank of Wyoming	141 S Main St.	307- 684-2211
Payday Lenders-Loan Agency	67 N Main St	307- 684-1888
Social Security-Sheridan	1949 Sugarland Dr.	307-672-5390/ 800-772-1213
Worker's Safety and Compensation Claims and Benefits		307-672-9775 or 307-672-7849
Food/Clothing		
Bread Of Life Food Pantry Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday	178 S. Main St.	307-684-5298

5 PM – 7 PM		
Finders Keepers Thrift Store	178 N Main St.	307- 278-0788
Gigi's Upscale Resale Consignment Shop	57 S Main St	307-684-8877
Thrifty Treasures-Thrift Store	350 E Hart St.	307-217-3475
Positive Parent-Child Relationships		
Nurturing Relationships		
Buffalo City Park	Burritt and DeSmet Roads	
Washington Park - Outdoor Swimming Pool-June, July and August	City Park off Angus St.	
Provided resources and information to help make parenting more rewarding, effective, and fun! http://www.positiveparenting.com		
Concentrates on conception and pregnancy and contains volumes of information on newborns through age two. www.cdc.gov/parents/infants/index.html		
Offers information on “Fathering on the fringe,” “The Joy of Fathering,” “The Importance of Fathers,” “Custody and Divorce,” “Second Wives and Second Families,” “Fathers and Sons,” “Fathers and Daughters,” “Single Fathers.” http://www.fathermag.com		
Parenting advice, support, and guidance through “The National Parenting Center”. http://www.tnpc.com		
Offers parents advice on various topics www.parents.com		
PBS characters lead children through games and learning activities. www.pbskids.org		
Created to offer practical parenting advice on a range of topics. http://www.parenting.org		
Day Care		
Buffalo Children’s Center & Preschool		307-684-5802
Evonne Tucker		307-684-9193
Jera Monroe		307-684-2321
Kim Norman		307-684-5356
YMCA Child Care Center		307-684-9558

Child Development Education/Parenting Skills		
Support		
Wyoming 211	wy211.communityos.org	307-672-5169
Therapy		
Sensational Kids Pediatric Therapy		307-673-4220
Child Development Center	1 N Desmet	307-684-9271
Websites:		
Literacy: www.earlyliteracymatters.org		
Gather information about child development. www.earlychildhood.com		
Families as Educators		
Family Education		
Buffalo Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum	100 Fort St	307- 684-9331
Johnson County Library	171 North Adams	307-684 -5546
Websites:		
Deals exclusively with education concerns that a family might be faced with, gives parents advice from Dr. Seuss, guides parents through choosing the right school, helps parents with handling parent-teacher conferences, offers homework help, and provides information on applying to college. The resources are categorized by age and interest. http://www.familyeducation.com		
Offers a broad selection of information covering discipline, health issues, development, family issues, academic support with homework help lines, advice on computers, helping children succeed in school, and effective study tips. http://childparenting.about.com		
Offers various links to help your child academically (for example, “Helping Your Child Learn History of Science”). Search for parents http://www2.ed.gov		
Offers free stories you can read to your children and has books such as phonics, home schooling, children’s books, and puzzles. http://www.magickeys.com		
Short stories about Sesame Street characters facing certain fears and issues such as fire safety, immunizations, first day		

of school, and son on are the highlights of this Web Site. http://www.sesameworkshop.org		
Offers resources for parents to monitor their children's music. It has age-appropriate music for children and gives comprehensive list of children's recording artists. http://www.childrensmusic.org		
Digital library for children offered in English and Spanish with links for selecting age-appropriate activities and stories. http://www.storyplace.org		
Information for parents on positive discipline and how-to reduce stress with newborns and small children. It also gives information on health and other issues such as CPR. http://www.chkd.org		
Information on how to stop spanking; and offers alternative ways for disciplining. http://www.stophitting.com		
A discussion board where you can ask questions and get answers on child behavior, and parenting tips such as stress and how it affects your child and their behavior. http://www.practicalparent.org.uk		
Discusses discipline verses punishment and help steer parents and teachers to guide children to responsible behavior. http://www.momlovesbest.com		
Families as Learners		
Parent Training		
Schools		
Buffalo High School	29891 Old Hwy 87	307-684 -2269
Clear Creek Middle School	361 W. Gatchell	307-684 -5594
Cloud Peak Elementary School	201 W Walters St	307-684-0153
Meadowlark Elementary School	550 S. Burritt Ave	307-684 -9518
Buffalo Christian School	#6 Barstaad Way	307-684-5755
Learning Tree Christian Preschool	820 W Fetterman St	307-684-7509
Children with Disabilities		
Child Development Center-Region 2	1 North Desmet	307-684-9271
Parents As Teachers: www.patnc.org	W. Lott St. Suite A	307-684-2277
Kindergarten Transition		
Meadowlark Elementary School	550 S. Burritt Ave	307-684 -9518

Family Connections to Peers and Community		
Families/Peers/Community		
Appliance Service and Repair		1-800-863-3278
Blackman Propane, Inc.	29202 Old Hwy. 87	307-684-0682
Buffalo KOA	87 US Hwy. 16 E	
Carson's Appliance Service- Sheridan		307-675-1994
Deer Park Campground	146 Hwy. 16 E.	
Driver's License (Open only on Wed.)	350 E. Hart St. #3	307-684-5809
Gary's Propane Gillette		307-687-1516
Indian Campground	660 E Hart St	
Johnson County CO-OP	107 US HWY 16 E	307-684-9561
Legal Aid of Wyoming		877-432-9955
Montana Dakota Utilitas Natural Gas		1-800-638-3278
Mountain View Motel and Campground	585 Fort St.	
Senior Center Bus, Bats Bus		307-684-9551
Sheridan Toll Free and Emergency Service		800-638-3278
WIC	963 Fort St.	307-684-2744
Churches		
Big Horn Baptist Church	1400 Fort St.	307-684-5487
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	503 W. Foote St	307-684-1347
Buffalo Baptist Church	1124 S. Main St.	307-684-2740
Calvary Chapel	40 N Desmet Ave.	307-684-8725
Church of Christ	1100 Fort St.	307-684-5141
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	470 Munkers St.	307-684-5289
First United Methodist Church of Buffalo	132 N.Adams Ave.	307-684-5845
Grace Fellowship	108 N. Burrit Ave.	307-684-7511
House Prayer United Pentecostal	701 Fir St.	307-684-7344
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses	686 Fort St.	307-684-2750
New Life Assembly of God Church	#6 Barstaad Way	307-684-5755
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	1200 Fort St.	307-684-5470
Seven-Day Adventist Church	201 Aspen Dr.	307-684-9062
St Luke's Lutheran Church	615 N Burritt Ave.	307-684-7872
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church	532 N. Lobban Ave.	307-684-7268
Summit Church	980 N. Main St.	307-684-9548
Union Congregational Church	122 E. Bennett St.	307-684-2958
Families as Advocates and Leaders		
Leadership Development		
Buffalo Chamber of Commerce		307-684 -5544

Governor Mark Gordon	governor.wyo.gov	
Johnson County-Superintendent	Charles Auzqui	307-684-9571
Johnson County Clerk		307-684-7272
US Senator John Barrasso 109 Hart -Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510-5003	https://www.barrasso.senate.gov/public	
US Senator Cynthia Lummis 290 Russell-Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510-5002	https://www.lummis.senate.gov/	202-224-3424
US Representative Harriet Hageman 1531 Longworth -House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	http://Hageman.House.gov	