

# Wyoming

## NO PROGRAM

The state of Wyoming does not offer a state-funded preschool program according to definitions used in this report. However, the state does provide support for other early childhood education programs. Also, during the state's 2018 legislative session, a bill was proposed and later failed to establish a state office of early childhood within the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE). The proposed bill intended to move all early childhood education programs under WDE, including those administered by the Department of Family Services (DFS), the Department of Workforce Services (DWS), and the Department of Health (WDH).

Local school districts can use a portion of Title I funding for early childhood education. WDH administers a statewide developmental preschool system to provide IDEA services for 3- to 5-year-olds, and DFS uses TANF dollars to fund 26 schools in the state. DFS administers the TANF programs through a competitive grant process which funds high-quality preschool services for children whose families qualify for TANF. In 2018, WDE distributed \$1.5 million to eight preschools serving 320 low-income children. Another \$325,000 in federal TANF funding supports the Early Childhood Community Partnership Grant program, also administered by DFS, to develop, enhance, and sustain high-quality early childhood education programs. DFS also licenses several programs through the University of Wyoming, community colleges, school districts, and private preschool and child care facilities to provide academic instruction. Both licensed and non-licensed programs are able to and do pursue accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

The Wyoming Early Childhood State Advisory Council was created in 2010 and is a collaboration of individuals across multiple disciplines. The council's mission is to serve Wyoming children and families by facilitating statewide collaboration, evaluating the early childhood system, and making recommendations to the governor, lawmakers, and state agencies. Wyoming also has an Early Intervention Council which focuses on children with special needs.

In 2013, the state adopted the comprehensive Wyoming Early Learning Foundations. The Foundations cover multiple domains including cognition and general knowledge, physical well-being/motor development, approaches toward learning, social/emotional development, and language development.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
No Program	

RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
No Program	

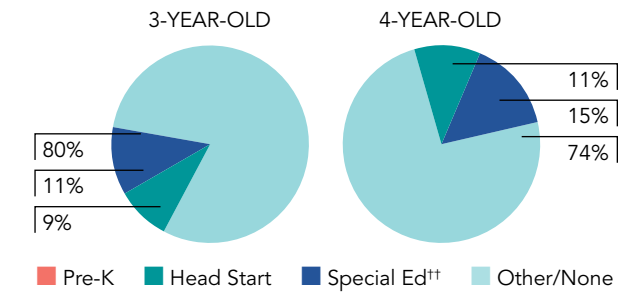
TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
No Program

## WYOMING

### ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment .....	0
School districts that offer state program .....	NA
Income requirement .....	NA
Minimum hours of operation .....	NA
Operating schedule .....	NA
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	2,341
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	1,412
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	0

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



\*\* Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

### QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

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### RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$0
Local match required? .....	NA
State Head Start spending .....	\$0
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$0
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$0

\* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.

\*\* Head Start per-child spending includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds.

\*\*\* K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

