

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES INITIATIVE TOP FIVE GOALS & INDICATORS**

**To improve the lives of Wyoming's children and families we share a desire to work toward:**

**1. Wyoming families & individuals living in a stable, safe, supportive, nurturing, healthy environment.**

- a) Rate of substantiated cases of abuse and neglect
- b) Rate of drug and alcohol use by juveniles (YRBS)
- c) Rate of domestic violence arrests
- d) Rate of divorce
- e) Rate of suicide

**2. A diverse economy that provides a livable income and ensures wage equality**

- a) % of growth in non-extraction industry jobs
- b) % of families earning Family Economic Self Sufficiency Standard
- c) Rate of gender / wage disparity
- d) Rate of multiple job holders
- e) Rate of average state wage compared to Federal Poverty Level
- f) Rate of GED achievement for age 25 and up

**3. Affordable and accessible health care and insurance.**

- a) % of uninsured by adult, children and minority groups
- b) % of employers providing subsidized healthcare coverage
- c) Rate of write-offs by hospitals.
- d) % of children receiving dental care prior to 5 years of age
- e) % of communities / counties designated 'Health Professional Shortage Areas'
- f) % of people who forego medical care due to expense

**4. Children born healthy and achieving their highest potential during their early development years.**

- a) % of mothers receiving prenatal care in the first trimester
- b) Rate of maternal smoking during pregnancy
- c) % of children who receive developmental screening
- d) % of children demonstrating school readiness at 5 yrs of age
- e) Rate of teen pregnancy

**5. Students successfully educated and prepared for life's opportunities.**

- a) % of students successfully completing High School (9-12)
- b) % of free and reduced lunch students testing proficient in the state assessments.
- c) % of students testing 'literate' as determined by Dept of Ed.
- d) Rate of completion of post-secondary education.
- e) % of residents 15-19 years old not in school and not working