



# BRIDGING THE GAP CONFERENCE

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8:30 AM-9:45 AM

## Welcome & Panel Discussion

**Welcome-** Ann Clement- Wyoming 211

### **Building Stronger Bridges for Healthy Communities**

Panel includes: *Deb Anderson*-Wyoming 211, *Jolie Ritzo*-CIVITAS, *Joy Doll*- Hello Better Healthcare, *Tracy Carver*-Project Access NOW, *Jackie Sievers*- Contexture

Join our CIVITAS member panel to discuss how data and community can build bridges to withstand troubled waters and turbulent times. Jolie Ritzo, Interim CEO of CIVITAS will moderate a panel of subject matter experts from across the region who will review national, regional and local changes in policy and practice with impact on whole person care

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## Keynote Speaker

### **Fighting Food Insecurity in Wyoming-** First Lady Jennie Gordon

Approximately 83,000 Wyoming residents struggle with food insecurity. Nearly 26,000 of those are children. There are grassroots efforts in every Wyoming county dedicated to reducing hunger and combating food insecurity. Instead of reinventing the wheel, Wyoming Hunger Initiative was launched in October 2019 to work to prevent food insecurity by increasing awareness and support for the work of local anti-hunger organizations statewide. Together with partners from the Food Bank of Wyoming, the Cent\$ible Nutrition Program, Wyoming Department of Education Nutrition Services, and Wyoming Hunger Initiative, this panel will outline the work currently happening in this space while exploring the framework and foundation for successful collaboration and solutions to hunger.

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## Panel Discussion

### **Fighting Food Insecurity in Wyoming.**

**Panel includes:** First Lady Jennie Gordon- Moderator and Contributor, *Greta Spencer*- Wyoming Hunger Initiative, *Carla Bankes*- Wyoming Department of Education, *Kali McCrackin Goodenough*- Cent\$ible Nutrition, *Danika Sveda*- Wyoming Food Bank

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## Breakout Session

### Healing Begins at the Kitchen Table

Danica Sveda- Food Bank of Wyoming

Explore the connection between food for not only physical health, but also as the cornerstone of mental wellness and a key component in building strong, resilient communities. We'll examine the links between nutrition and mental health, and how equitable access to healthy food can serve as a powerful tool for creating a more compassionate and connected social safety net.

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## Breakout Session

### Building Stronger Communities- The Role of CHNA & CNA Across Wyoming

Mandy Cepeda & Crystal Morse- Banner Health  
Amy Spieker & Angela Farrand-CRMC

What Assessment? Have you participated in an Assessment like the Community Needs (CNA) or Community Health Needs (CHNA)? Please join this session to understand why they are important and how we can help encourage participation and increase engagement in both the assessment phase and the improvement plans. You will learn how to find and use data to address community needs.

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## Breakout Session

### Navigating Recovery: Empowering Lives Through Effective Case Management- Pam Oiler- UW Family Medical Residency, MSW, LCSW

For individuals dealing with substance use, managing everyday life can be especially challenging. Many individuals also experience concurrent mental health and physical health issues, and they encounter various challenges such as homelessness, unemployment, lack of family support, financial difficulties, and potential involvement with the criminal justice system. These issues are further complicated by their struggle with addiction, which impedes their treatment and overall recovery. This session will focus on the critical role of effective case management in the recovery process for individuals facing various challenges, including social vulnerabilities. The objective of this session is to provide attendees with the knowledge, skills, and strategies to improve their case management practices, fostering a nurturing, holistic approach to recovery. The session will highlight the optimal use of resources and screening tools to identify and address social determinants of health (SDOH). By the end of this session, participants will gain valuable insights and practical strategies to enhance their case management skills, ultimately empowering individuals as they navigate their recovery journeys.

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## Lunch & Session

### Wyoming 211's CommuniCare Unveiled

Nichole Coyne & Sarah Martin- Wyoming 211  
Tessa McInnis- CRN

Wyoming 211 and the CommuniCare team, with the support of our partners at Community Resource Network (CRN), will demonstrate how a Community Information Exchange (CIE) can support and streamline communication within Care Teams. The consent based platform allows access to the Wyoming 211 resources enabling multi-directional electronic referrals for health and social needs. It is no longer a dream, it is our reality to help improve community wellness and whole person care.



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## Panel Discussion

Innovative Interventions created through Community Collaborations- Natrona Council for Safety & Justice Panel includes: Jim Cowser- Central Wyoming Counseling Center, Lance Porter- Wyoming Medical Center, Janet Hoyt- Banner Wyoming Medical Center, Kristy Oster- Natrona Collective Health Trust

The Natrona Council for Safety and Justice hosts a panel of local collaborator including Community Action Partnership of Natrona County, Central Wyoming Counseling Center and Natrona Collective Health Trust. This session will focus on how to create interventions focused on behavioral health, substance abuse and reentry strategies in the community. Each agency will discuss flexible strategies to create programming that enhances the work of community agencies that focuses on the interventions of clients in the behavioral health and reentry systems.



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**Breakout Session**

**Assessment and Counseling Interventions for Depression and Anxiety for People with Neurodevelopmental Disorders**

Brad Young- Wyoming Life Resource Center

Explore recent developments in the assessment and treatment of anxiety and depression for people with neurodevelopmental disorders. Discuss rates of mental illness among people with neurodevelopmental disabilities and explore lack of inclusive assessment instruments. Explore the impact of "treatment disdain" and diagnostic overshadowing. We will look at newer measures that may help mental health professionals assess these conditions. The presenter will review therapies and counseling techniques that may be helpful.

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**Breakout Session**

**Senior Living & Wyoming's Aging and Disability Resource Center**

Angie Geis- Primrose Retirement  
Kari Meyer- Wyoming 211

Discussing the pros and cons of Senior Living, understanding the differences in available care types/services (independent living vs. assisted living vs. skilled nursing).

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**Breakout Session**

**National Social Drivers of Health (RISE Conference) Recap**

Andrea Shipley- Wyoming Center on Aging  
Ann Clement- Wyoming 211

A dynamic recap of the learnings and attendee reflections from the 2025 National Rise Summit on Social Determinants of Health. Hear the high points of the conference and takeaway strategies to fulfill your goals with SDOH efforts in Wyoming.

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