Wyoming Families First (WFF) is funded through the federal United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families: Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Grant Award. The program is geared towards vulnerable youth referred from local juvenile courts and social service agencies from all over Wyoming.

Wyoming Families First believes that strong and healthy families are our state’s most important asset. WFF is a Non-Profit (501c3) organization committed to strengthening individuals and families through enrichment, education, training, case management and resources that increase self-sufficiency and wellbeing.
OBJECTIVE
Through the Brighter Futures project, WFF’s objective is to empower teen participants to make informed healthy choices while developing needed skills that support their health and well-being and ensure their ability to achieve future success and goals.

GOALS
Using a preventative education approach, we aim to teach adolescents the consequences of engaging in risky behaviors, sexual and otherwise. In addition to offering curriculum instruction, teens have the opportunity to build positive competencies through the utilization of a Positive Youth Development (PYD) framework and student-led community service projects designed to help participants:

- Develop healthy life skills,
- Increase individual protective factors that reduce risks,
- Make healthy decisions, engage in healthy relationships,
- Set goals that lead to self-sufficiency and marriage before engaging in sexual activity.

WHO WE SERVE
Wyoming Families First (WFF) collaborates with the Rite of Passage Meadowlark Academy to bring Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) into the classroom for youth referred from local juvenile courts and social service agencies from all over Wyoming and out of state.

STUDENT REFERRALS
- Campbell County
- Fremont County
- Laramie County
- Hot Springs County
- Niobrara County
- Platte County
- Sweetwater County
- Uinta County
- Out of State
PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

- **White**: 57.3%
- **Alaskan/American Indian**: 8.5%
- **Black or African-American**: 6.4%
- **Hispanic**: 25.6%

MALES 72.5%  UNDER THE AGE OF 15: 25.0%
FEMALES 17.5%  AGE 15 TO 18: 47.5%

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 94.44% reported on post-survey they agree or strongly agree that they can “understand how messages in the culture can affect my beliefs, choices and decisions about intimate relationships” versus 77.77% prior to SRA education.
- 94.44% reported on post-survey they agree or strongly agree that they “have the skills necessary to form a lifetime committed relationship” versus 75.92% prior to SRA education.
- 94.44% reported on post-survey they agree or strongly agree that they “have skills to resist sexual activity” versus 83.33% prior to SRA education.

The following is a snapshot of what students are saying about project/program satisfaction:

- “I especially liked the discussions.”
- “I especially liked the stuff we would talk about”
- “I especially liked what we learned about relationships.
- “I especially liked the topic of what a healthy relationship is. It might be better if we had more classes.”
- “I especially liked the communication. It might be better if the group class was longer.”
OUR PARTNERS:

Rite of Passage Meadowlark Academy
http://meadowlark-academy.com/

Recover Wyoming
https://recoverwyoming.org/

SafeHouse Services
https://www.wyomingsafehouse.org/

Wyoming Department of Health, Communicable Disease Unit Prevention, Public Health Sciences Section
https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/communicable-disease-unit/

Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
https://www.wyomingdvsa.org/

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