

WIND Consumer Advisory Council

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collaboration, and innovation



What is WIND?

WIND stands for the **Wyoming Institute for Disabilities**. WIND works to improve the lives of people with disabilities in Wyoming by working with:



- People with disabilities
- Family members
- Support professionals
- Disability advocates
- Local and state agencies

WIND helps people with disabilities in Wyoming:

- Take part in their communities
- Meet their needs and wishes

What is a UCEDD?

WIND is a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). When you hear people say this, it sounds like YOU-SAID.

WIND teaches others about issues important to people with disabilities. These issues include health, education, employment, and social service systems.

What is the Consumer Advisory Council?

The Consumer Advisory Council is important to WIND.

Consumer Advisory Council members help WIND understand what people with disabilities in Wyoming want and need. Members help WIND conduct activities in the community.



You will hear people call the Consumer Advisory Council the CAC, which sounds like SEE-A-SEE. Being a member lets you share your viewpoint and opinion. CAC members talk about information that affect people with disabilities, like:

- Needed services and activities
- Training and education needs
- Finding answers to issues through research

Who belongs to the CAC?

People on the Consumer Advisory Council are people with developmental disabilities, their family members, and others who work with people with disabilities.

What do Consumer Advisory Council Members do?

- Attend six meetings a year
 - Two in person
 - Four remotely from a phone or computer
- Attend WIND events
- Represent WIND at events in your community
- Share resources (websites, people, businesses) that help people with disabilities
- Participate in small groups to help WIND projects
- Help WIND researchers



How does WIND support members of the CAC?

- WIND helps members attend CAC meetings by:
 - Paying for members' travel expenses to attend WIND meetings and events
 - Providing meeting spaces and support as required, so all members can take part regardless of disability.

How can someone become a member of the Consumer Advisory Council?

To become a member, submit an application to WIND. Applications are available online on the CAC website at: www.uwyo.edu/wind/cac/apply.html.



WIND can send you an application in the mail, by fax, or by email.

Contact windcac@uwyo.edu or call (307) 766-2761.



WIND Vision Statement

The Wyoming Institute for Disabilities envisions a Wyoming where all people can participate in everyday community life as they choose.

WIND Mission Statement

The Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND) at the University of Wyoming is an academic unit in the College of Health Sciences and a University Center for Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (UCEDD).

We assist and support individuals with developmental and other disabilities, their families, and their networks by advancing diversity, equity, full community inclusion, independence, and social participation.

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Current Consumer Advisory Council Members:

- **Julie Andrew**, Advocate, Casper
- **Samantha Andrew**, Advocate, Casper
- **Tammy Aumiller**, Special Education Coordinator, Laramie
- **Jennifer Figenser**, Executive Director, Parent Information Center, Green River
- **Leo Levensgood**, Owner, Lions Pride Care, Cheyenne
- **Bill McDonald**, Advocate, Sheridan
- **Chele Mecomber Porter**, Advocate, Burns
- **Kylie Porter**, Advocate, Burns
- **Lori Regnier**, Program Administrator, Wyoming Protection and Advocacy System, Inc., Cheyenne
- **Sandy Thiel**, Advocate and Board Chair, Sheridan
- **Aleyta Zimmerman**, Projects Manager & Policy Analyst, Wyoming Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities



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