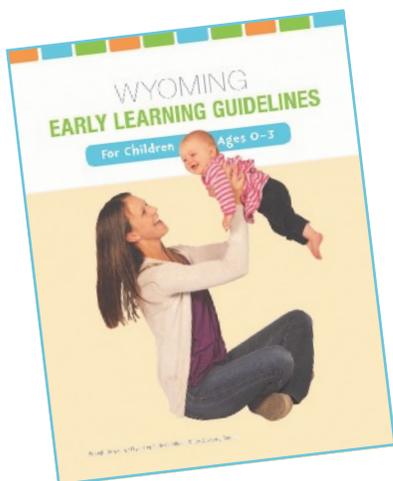


Wyoming Early Learning Guidelines & Foundations



The Wyoming Early Learning Guidelines (birth to age 3) and Foundations (ages 3 to 5) are a set of documents established by a group of Wyoming experts that serve as a guide for observing and supporting young children's development and learning. Because we know that children grow holistically, these resources support the healthy growth and development of the whole child across all developmental domains. These resources provide developmental benchmarks or "what to look for" items and are meant only to serve as a guideline for development: each child is unique and will not follow the exact pattern of development outlined in these documents.



Wyoming Early Learning Guidelines

This document provides information about what to look for as a baby grows and develops and how to nurture natural learning patterns and abilities in everyday activities and routines. The guide is divided into 5 age groups:

- Birth to 6 months
- 6 to 12 months
- 12 to 18 months
- 18 to 24 months
- 24 to 36 months

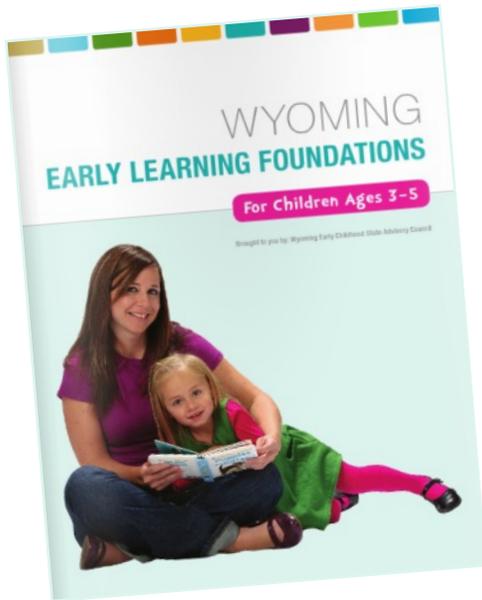
Developmental Domains for children ages birth to 3

Communication: the understanding of the meaning of feelings and ideas expressed by others, the ability to express self, and the foundations of reading and writing.

Curious Minds: the development of wonder and curiosity, simple problem-solving, creative self-expression, cause and effect, and memory skills.

Sense of Self + Relationships: the learning about self as a unique individual, the ability to express feelings, wants, and needs, and the foundations of social skills.

Strong + Healthy Bodies: the use and control of the body, hand-eye coordination and the growing awareness of meeting basic needs



Wyoming Early Learning Foundations

The Foundations provide a guide to the healthy growth and development of children ages 3 - 5 that encompasses multiple domains of early development to support their holistic well-being and success. The Foundations are aligned with the Common Core Standards for Kindergarten and offer a road map for school readiness and future success.

Approaches to Learning

Initiative & curiosity

Persistence & attention

Cooperation

Creative Arts

Music
Visual Arts
Creative movement & dance
Drama

Language Development

Receptive language
Expressive language

Literacy Knowledge + Skills

Alphabetical skills
Print concepts
Early writing
Phonological awareness
Book Appreciation

Logic + Reasoning

Reasoning & problem solving
Symbolic representation

Math Knowledge + Skills

Number concepts & quantities
Number relations & operations
Geometry, patterns & spatial
Measurement & comparison

Physical Development + Health

Physical health status
Health knowledge & practice
Gross motor
Fine motor

Science Knowledge + Skills

Scientific skills & method
Conceptual knowledge of the natural & physical world

Social + Emotional Development

Social relationships
Self-concept & self-efficacy
Self-regulation
Emotional & behavioral health

Social Studies Knowledge + Skills

Self, family & community
People & the environment
History & events

Resources

- Access the electronic copy of the Early Learning Guidelines here: <http://wyqualitycounts.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WYQCEarlyLearningGuidelines.pdf>
- Access the electronic copy of the Early Learning Foundations here: <http://wyqualitycounts.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WYQCEarlyLearningFoundations.pdf>