

CLIMB WYOMING FAST FACTS

CLIMB Wyoming is a nonprofit organization that trains and places low income single mothers in careers that successfully support their families.

The CLIMB program started in Cheyenne in 1986 and has served more than 1,800 single mothers and over 3,700 of their children over 28 years.

CLIMB operates five sites in Casper, Cheyenne, Gillette, Laramie and Teton County that serve low-income families in 10 counties across the state: Albany, Campbell, Converse, Crook, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Sublette, Teton and Weston.

Nearly half of Wyoming families living in poverty are headed by single mothers (U.S. Census Bureau, 2010)

43% of single mothers in Wyoming, and their children, lived in poverty in 2012 (National Women's Law Center, 2012)

CLIMB adheres to the Federal Poverty Guidelines in qualifying single mothers for our program. On average, 45% of CLIMB participants are employed in low-wage jobs, and 55% are unemployed when they start the CLIMB program. The average annual wage of incoming CLIMB participants that are employed is \$12,000.

CLIMB moves Wyoming families off of government assistance:

Participant use of public healthcare decreases from 32% at intake to 11% two years after program completion

Participant use of SNAP (food stamps) decreases from 50% to 31% two years after program completion

CLIMB graduates decrease use of foster care, public child care and become taxpayers in their new careers

CLIMB provides a skilled and motivated workforce for Wyoming's high growth industries like oil and gas, healthcare and office careers

76% of our graduates are employed two years after program completion

Our graduates more than double their monthly wage after program completion



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