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### CENTRAL WYOMING COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH FREMONT #25, UNITE US, AND CIRCLES TO ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY

**RIVERTON, WY** – [Central Wyoming College](#) (CWC) has partnered with Fremont County School District #25 to introduce the community to the [Unite Wyoming](#) and [Circles USA](#) to advance health equity.

[Unite Us](#) helps connect people to much-needed resources and services, such as food insecurity, transportation, and housing assistance. Partners in the [Unite Wyoming](#) network are connected through Unite Us' shared technology platform, which enables them to send and receive secure, electronic referrals, address people's social needs, and improve health across communities. Circles works to end poverty through community partnerships.

“We were contacted by Fremont #25 through a poverty alleviation grant and our Circles USA chapter to provide support to disadvantaged groups,” says Troy L. Archuleta, CWC's Career Services Director/Cross-Agency Coordinator. “Terri Hays, Fremont #25's Poverty Alleviation Systems Facilitator, runs the new Circles USA chapter focused on bringing people out of poverty. I was impressed by her and believe Unite Us and Circles will be helpful to our students and the community.”

Together, Central Wyoming College, Fremont County School District #25, and Unite Us will securely connect people in need with community-based resources that can be difficult to navigate otherwise. The network provides a central point of contact where health and social services providers can securely access and refer people to needed services while monitoring progress and measuring outcomes delivered by partners on the network.

“I was hired in January 2022 to create a poverty alleviation program for our community,” says Hays. “Contracting with Circles USA, we have been working on the necessary steps needed to begin a local Circles chapter and signed our contract in August 2022 to create Circles Fremont County.”

The current Fremont Co. poverty rates are 15.99 percent in Riverton; 11.15 percent in Lander; 41.4 percent in Arapahoe; 38.39 percent in Ft. Washakie; 24.24 percent in Ethete; 24.55 percent in Shoshoni; 12.75 percent in Dubois; 19.23 percent in Crowheart; and 8.26 percent in Hudson. Through this partnership, community members can be connected to resources like job training, food programs, and other resources through an outcomes-focused and secure process that will enable people to thrive and live healthier lives.

“Circles supported the CWC RPED (Department of Education Rural Postsecondary and Economic Development) grant that supports our work,” adds Archuleta. “My hope is that other agencies will sign on with Unite Us, a cross-sector collaboration powered by our community.”



L to R Troy L. Archuleta, CWC's Career Services Director/Cross-Agency Coordinator; Terri Hays, Fremont #25's Poverty Alleviation Systems Facilitator and Angel Jahnke, Career Services Coordinator, CWC.  
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Forty-three million Americans live below the poverty line, and 14.5 million children live in poverty. Since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, many healthcare leaders and experts have said the pandemic has vividly illustrated the inequities in health treatment and outcomes among disadvantaged groups.

“The collective goal of our partnership with Central Wyoming College and Fremont County School District #25 is to effectively increase equitable access to care for all residents regardless of circumstance,” said Lisa Ammons, Community Engagement Manager at Unite Us. “Central Wyoming College, Fremont County Schools, and Unite Us will work together to redefine the quality, impact, and intersection of health and social care across this community.”

“We are so excited that our RPED grant is leading to this type of collaboration between CWC and the school district to serve our community better,” says Beth Monteiro, Executive Director, Central Wyoming College Foundation.

Nonprofits, community-based organizations, and other providers who want to connect their clients and patients to Central Wyoming College's services within Unite Us' network can reach out to [uniteus.com/contact/](https://uniteus.com/contact/).

**IMAGES:** <https://www.cwc.edu/media-center/>

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*Central Wyoming College's mission is to transform lives and strengthen communities through learning, leadership and connection. The college includes a main campus in Riverton, both an outreach center and the Alpine Science Institute in Lander, as well as outreach centers in Jackson and Dubois. CWC is a designated Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institution (NASNTI), and serves the largest American Indian student population in the state of Wyoming.*

*[Unite Us](#) is the nation's leading software company enabling collaboration across sectors to improve the health and well-being of communities. Unite Us' secure solutions establish a new standard of care that identifies and predicts social care needs, helps connect people to services, and leverages meaningful outcomes data to further drive community investment. Through Unite Us' national network and software, community-based organizations, government agencies, health plans, and healthcare providers are all connected to better collaborate and meet the needs of the individuals in their communities. Follow Unite Us on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).*

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<https://www.fremont25.org/page/circles-usa>

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