
Annual Impact Report

2024

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INTRODUCTION

Poverty Still A Challenge in Park and Hot Springs Counties, Wyoming

Recent data indicates that Park and Hot Springs Counties in Wyoming are still struggling with poverty, despite the poverty rate in Park County being lower than the national average at 8.4% and slightly higher in Hot Springs County at 9.5%. The primary factors contributing to poverty in these areas are a lack of affordable housing and limited job opportunities. As a responsible non-profit organization, we are committed to collaborating with local service providers to develop impactful programs that address these challenges and improve the quality of life for individuals and families in our community. We invite you to join us in our mission to create a society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. Together, we can make a positive impact on our industry and community.

“Our mission to empower individuals and families in the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming has guided our efforts over the past year. Through our partnerships with local service providers, we have overcome obstacles and improved access to resources that enhance health, housing, and employment prospects. Our focus on impactful programs has allowed us to make a positive difference in the lives of those in need. Moving forward, we remain committed to our vision of creating a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. We will continue to work towards this goal through the annual CSBG grant and other initiatives.”

Message from our CEO

Empowering Individuals and Communities: A Look at Our Impact in Wyoming”

Dear valued stakeholders,

It is my pleasure to present the annual report for our organization. As the CEO, I am incredibly proud of the work that we have accomplished this year and the impact we have made in our community. Our highly skilled and dedicated professionals have worked tirelessly to ensure that we continue to provide access to resources and opportunities that improve the health, housing, and employment prospects of individuals and families in the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming.

This report highlights our achievements over the past year and demonstrates our commitment to transparency and accountability. We are grateful for the support of our funders, partners, and volunteers, who have enabled us to expand our operations to multiple counties in Wyoming and establish ourselves as a leader in our field.

As we look towards the future, we remain committed to empowering individuals and families and creating a community where everyone can thrive. We will continue to innovate, grow, and work with local service providers to overcome obstacles and end economic hardship.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope that you find this report informative and inspiring.

Julie Dunlap

Julie Dunlap, CEO
Yellowstone Country Assistance Network

Goals

We're excited to announce that in 2023, we partnered with community organizations, providing services to 70 of their clients in need, and conducting a community-wide needs assessment. Let's make a positive impact together!

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Partnerships

YCAN has achieved its goal of helping low-income families and individuals through its active partnerships with three community organizations. Despite the limits of the CSBG grants-in-aid, YCAN has been able to make a positive impact on the lives of those in need. The feedback from our community partners reinforces our belief that we are making a difference and inspires us to continue our efforts to serve those who need it most.

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Opportunities for low-income individuals

Our community partners agree - YCAN helps low-income individuals become self-sufficient. We offer programs for housing, financial counseling, and employment skills.

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Community Needs Assessment

YCAN's 2023 triennial community needs assessment revealed crucial insights. We eagerly presented our findings to the community, which showed that low-income members face challenges with housing, employment, health, and transportation to medical appointments. We are dedicated to addressing these issues together.

Measuring Progress

Having clear performance goals is crucial for tracking progress and determining success. At YCAN, we prioritize specific, well-defined goals to produce consistent and relevant data. We report this data to our board to stay on track and achieve our mission.

In the Fiscal Grant year 2023, our agency provided 70 eligibility determinations to low-income community members who applied for financial assistance through a case manager at one of our community partner organizations. We received a total of \$167,519 in CSBG grant payments. Our agency provided direct services to these individuals, which included \$46,266.44 in housing payments and \$4,519.00 in health-related service payments. We also provided \$103,004.44 in support services. In addition, we had indirect costs of \$13,727.12. We achieved these outcomes through the collaborative efforts of our team and community partners.

Key Indicator	Activity / Project	Data / Outcome
The number of individuals who discontinued drug/alcohol use	Substance Abuse Recovery Support Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 individuals discounted drug/alcohol use • 9 for 90 days • 5 for 180 days
Obtained housing services	First Stop One Time Assistance Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 obtained housing • 10 homeless were housed • 23 obtained utility assistance
Achieved one or more outcomes	YCAN Eligibility Determinationss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70 applications processed • 19 households received 2 or more services

Acknowledgements

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all the agencies contributing to our mission of alleviating poverty in 2023. Your unwavering support and generosity have made a significant difference in the lives of many individuals and families in need. Your commitment to this cause has been exemplary, and we are honored to have partnered with you. We acknowledge your dedication, hard work, and selflessness, and we look forward to continuing this partnership to empower more people and communities. Thank you for your invaluable support.

Park County Court Supervised Treatment Program

The Help Center in Thermopolis

The First Stop of Park County Help Center

We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to contribute to YCAN..

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