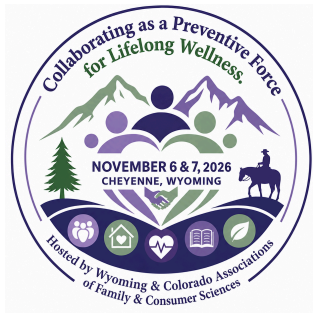


2026 Wyoming and Colorado Associations of Family and Consumer Sciences Fall Conference



Together with fellow professionals, local partners, and community members, we are collaborating as a preventative force for lifelong wellness. You don't want to miss out on the interactive discussions and our engaging session speakers.



Date: November 6 & 7, 2026



Location

Health Sciences Building, Laramie County Community College
1400 E. College Dr Cheyenne Wyoming 82007



Hotel

We have a room block at The Comfort Inn and Suites.

All rooms are \$109 + tax = \$122.08/night. Our availability is from 11/5-11/7/2026.

The room block each night includes 10 kings, 23 queens, and 4 king suites.

Hotel Contact Information

201 W. Fox Farm Rd. Cheyenne, Wyoming 82007

Phone: (307)-514-6051

Email: WY097@stayatchoice.com or front desk gsa.WY097@gmail.com

Room block deadline is 10/22/2026



Schedule

Click [here](#) for our comprehensive outline of our sessions, times, and additional ways to connect with colleagues and community partners.

Registration

Fill out this Registration [Google Form](#) to register. You need to answer all the questions with a red* in order to advance to the next section.

The deadline to register is **October 31, 2026**.

Pay for your registration at the end of the Google form using a credit card or by mailing your check to:

Luann Boyer

CAFCS Executive Director

22500 Road 21

Fort Morgan, CO 80701

Questions? Contact: Luann.Boyer@colostate.edu

 **IMPORTANT:** If you pay by credit card, Zeffy encourages a minimum of 17% donation, but if you click on the 17% fee down arrow, you can choose "Other". Then you pay only the registration amount you chose minus a donation.

Membership Information

AAFCS Professional Membership (also includes your state affiliate membership) is reduced from \$150 to \$100 when registering for this conference. AAFCS student membership is \$50.

[Membership Benefits - American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences](#)
[Join / Renew - American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences](#)

Ways To Engage At Our Conference

Exhibits

We encourage you to share about your organization with our conference attendees. You and/or your organization will be given recognition through our pre-conference publicity, by being listed in the conference program, and with announcements at the conference.

Exhibits are to be distinguished from creative design and research posters. It should support the conference theme which is “Collaborating as a Preventive Force for Lifelong Wellness.” Our goal is for the conference to include interrelated FCS

specializations and help attendees understand the importance of advocacy in addressing larger factors in society that contribute to primary prevention.

Opportunities available are:

Conference on-site exhibitor table showcasing your collaborative organization, FCCLA Chapter, student work or other content related to Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS). This could include resources to share with attendees.

Conference On-site standing display and/or exhibitor table showcasing information about your collaborative organization, FCCLA Chapter, student work or other content related to Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS). This could include resources to share with attendees.

To sign up, click on this [Exhibitor Request Google Form](#)

Deadline is October 12, 2026



Professional Research Posters

We encourage you to share your research with our conference participants. You and/or your organization will be given recognition through our pre-conference publicity, by being listed in the conference program, and with announcements at the conference.

Posters should support the conference theme which is “Collaborating as a Preventive Force for Lifelong Wellness.” Our goal is for the conference to include interrelated FCS specializations and help attendees understand the importance of advocacy in addressing larger factors in society that contribute to primary prevention.

Selection Criteria for Abstracts:

- Significance and originality of the research
- Purpose and rationale clearly stated
- Soundness of the research design/methodology
- Findings/results clearly stated.
- Relevance of the implications and conclusions
- Clarity and organization of written abstract
- Support for the theme of the conference, "Collaborating to Strengthen FCS as a Preventive Force", plus meeting all requirements listed below.

Acceptance for presentation obligates the author to register for and attend the 2026 Fall FCS Conference hosted by WAFCS and CAFCS. Accepted abstracts will be published on both the WAFCS and CAFCS websites.

To sign up and submit your abstract, click on this [Professional Research Poster Request Form](#)

Deadline is October 5, 2026



Student Research or Project Poster Request Form

Please consider sharing your student research or project with our conference participants. You and/or your organization will be given recognition through our pre-conference publicity, by being listed in the conference program, and with announcements at the conference.

Posters should support the conference theme which is “Collaborating as a Preventive Force for Lifelong Wellness.” Our goal is for the conference to include interrelated FCS specializations and help attendees understand the importance of advocacy in addressing larger factors in society that contribute to primary prevention.

Selection Criteria for Abstracts:

- Significance and originality of the research
- Purpose and rationale clearly stated.
- Soundness of the research or project design/methodology
- Findings/results clearly stated.
- Relevance of the implications and conclusions
- Clarity and organization of written abstract
- Support for the theme of the conference, "Collaborating to Strengthen Us All as a Preventive Force for Lifelong Wellbeing", plus meeting all requirements listed below.

Acceptance for the conference obligates the author to register for and attend the 2026 Fall FCS Conference hosted by WAFCS and CAFCS.

Accepted abstracts will be published on both the WAFCS and CAFCS websites and you will receive communication of your acceptance.

The undergraduate research and/or course project may focus on:

- Integration of the FCS specialization
- Supports the conference theme of prevention of FCS-related societal problems
- Advocacy & collaboration
- Leadership & association engagement
- Educational tools & resources
- Research & scholarship
- Trends & innovation
- Culinary arts, hospitality, and tourism
- Education and training
- Food science and nutrition
- Health management and wellness

- Housing and interior design
- Human/child development and family relations
- Personal and family finance
- Textiles, apparel, and retailing

To sign up, click on this [Student Research or Poster Project Request Google Form](#)

Deadline is October 5, 2026



Creative Designs

The Colorado/Wyoming AAFCS Affiliates invite high school, post-secondary students, and professionals in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) and collaborators to submit abstracts for the juried exhibit at the Wyoming/Colorado AAFCS conference. The Wyoming/Colorado Affiliates' creative design exhibit provides a platform for emerging professionals to present their creativity, expertise, research, and innovative approaches to designing apparel, interior décor, interiors, and educational/research displays within Family and Consumer Sciences, its specializations, and related collaborators.

Participants are **encouraged to collaborate** across disciplines to create unique designs for submission exploring concepts, materials, techniques, and scholarships with preventative power pushing the boundaries of creativity across FCS disciplines. Submit a publishable abstract and photos/sketches to apply for acceptance of your creative work.

Click on this [Call for Creative Design Proposals](#) to learn more about the categories, submission levels, general guidelines, abstract submission process, review process, and display guidelines at the conference site.

[Creative Design Abstract Example](#)

[Creative Design Template](#)

[Design Exhibit Rubric](#)

[High School Creative Design Guidelines](#)

[High School Creative Design Rubric](#)

The deadline to submit is September 30, 2026.



NOTE: We are looking at extending this deadline to ensure more submissions can be completed. Stay tuned!

AAFCS Impact Story

Has your curriculum or program made a meaningful impact or addressed a challenge within Family and Consumer Sciences? Share your story with us!

Submit your story by clicking this [AAFCS Impact Story Form](#).

Deadline to submit is October 12, 2026

We look forward to seeing you November 6 & 7, 2026!