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### WDE offers independent living course for children and adults with vision loss or multi-disabilities

**CHEYENNE** - The Wyoming Department of Education will offer a course for Independent Living Skills for Children and Adults with Vision Loss or multi-disabilities July 31-Aug. 1 in Rawlins.

The course offers itself as an in-service designed to provide therapists, teachers and professionals information on assessing independent living skills. It is also designed to offer appropriate adaptive or specialized instructional strategies to facilitate independent living skills instruction in adaptive and generic labeling techniques and organization skills. That includes skills instruction in cleaning skills and basic household safety including emergency and other telephone dialing.

Joanne Whitson will be the instructor for the course. Whitson is a rehabilitation vision therapist and a project director for the WY Deaf-Blind Project.

The course will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily on the third floor of the Carbon Building in Rawlins. The registration fee is \$50. For more information, contact Joanne Whitson at 307-324-5333 or [joanne.whitson@wyo.gov](mailto:joanne.whitson@wyo.gov). The deadline for registrations is July 10.