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(Wyo.)- Mead Looking At Homeless Services Coordination



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CASPER, Wyo. (AP) - Gov. Matt Mead says Wyoming is close to announcing a plan to coordinate services for homeless people across the state.

Wyoming is one of the few states without a designated coordinator of services for the homeless.

Mead says he's looking at having one or two state employees take on that role.

Linda Scherr, executive director of the Council of Community Services in Gillette, says she's thrilled the governor is taking an interest in the issue.

Homelessness is on the rise in Wyoming. Federal figures show the state's homeless population rose from just over 1,000 people in 2011 to more than 1,800 in 2012.