Public health enhances quality of life in Montana by supporting healthy living in your community.
Community Health Program Guide

Public health enhances quality of life in Montana by supporting healthy living in your community. It touches everyone in Montana – from the minute you’re born, throughout your entire life. Take a closer look at what public health programs are available in your community to make your life better and See Public Health Differently.

Purpose of guide

This guide highlights programs that address the prevention and management of chronic disease and preventable health issues experienced by Montanans, including people with disabilities who experience additional health concerns, such as pain and depression. These programs offer access to health promotion and healthy lifestyle opportunities.

Goal of community health programs

These programs aim to reduce and prevent illness and death through healthy lifestyles and self-management and by addressing specific health gaps and preventable health issues.

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## Public Health Interventions & Community-Based Programs

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program is an eight week gentle, joint-safe exercise program for adults with arthritis to reduce joint pain and stiffness and increase mobility.

• Trained instructors cover a variety of range of motion exercises, endurance-building activities, relaxation techniques, and health education topics.
• Exercises can be done sitting or standing to meet participant’s fitness needs and abilities.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

• Improves functional ability of everyday tasks
• Decreases depression and pain
• Increases confidence in one’s ability to exercise and perform daily activities

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS

Each class offers:

• Light endurance exercises.
• Strength building exercise.
• Stretching to improve range of motion.
• Relaxation techniques.
• Health education.
• Social interaction.

RESOURCES

Visit this website for more information:
https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/arthritis

Sources
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Individuals with asthma will improve their self-management by understanding how to control their asthma by working with a certified asthma educator. The asthma educator provides in depth knowledge and support equipping the patient with the necessary skills for effective self-management of their asthma. Program length is one hour with opportunities for follow-up sessions.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Participating in this free program will allow patients to interact directly, one-on-one, with certified asthma educators (AE-Cs) who are specially trained in delivering asthma self-management education.

Patients will learn:

- The pathophysiology of their condition.
- How to identify and manage triggers.
- How to use their medication properly.
- Other components of self-management.

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS

Certified asthma educators can teach patients:

- About the manner in which asthma affects their bodies.
- Inhaler technique.
- How to use medication appropriately to increase their control over the condition.
- How to develop a customized asthma action plan to help coordinate patient education and care by working with the patient and their health care team.

RESOURCES

Visit these websites for more information:
https://www.dphhs.mt.gov/asthma

To find a certified asthma educator in Montana:
https://www.naecb.com/find-certificant.php

WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?

- Over two thirds of adults and about half the children with current asthma in Montana report that their asthma is not well or very poorly controlled.1

- 6 in 10 adults and only 4 in 10 children with asthma report having ever received at least 3 of the 5 recommended pieces of asthma self-management education.1

- These health outcomes can be improved with the help of certified asthma educators.

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Sources

1. Asthma Call Back Survey 2012-2016
Montana Asthma Home Visiting Program (MAP)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Montana Asthma Home Visiting Program (MAP) trains public health nurses to empower individuals with uncontrolled asthma and their families with the knowledge and tools they need to manage the disease. Eleven sites covering 22 Montana counties are currently funded to implement MAP. See below for contact information.

- Anaconda-Deer Lodge Health Department, Anaconda (563-7863)
- Bullhook Community Health Center Havre (395-4305)
- Butte-Silver Bow City-County Health Department, Butte (497-5030)
- Custer County oneHealth, Miles City (874-8700)
- Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department, Helena (457-8976)
- Missoula City-County Health Department Missoula (258-4290)

PROGRAM BENEFITS
Participants completing the program report:

- Fewer symptoms, emergency department visits, and activity limitations from asthma.
- Fewer missed school or work days due to asthma.
- More had good inhaler technique and asthma control upon completion of the program.1,2

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS
The home visiting nurse provides specific information and support with six visits over 12 months regarding:

- Asthma medications and inhaler technique
- Asthma action plans
- The importance of regular medical care

Families also receive allergen impermeable bed sheets for the participant’s bed, educational materials, and a HEPA air filter when necessary.

RESOURCES
Visit this websites for more information:
https://www.dphhs.mt.gov/asthma

Sources
1. http://www.thecommunityguide.org/asthma/multicomponent.html
3. Montana Asthma Home Visiting Program Evaluation Data

WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?
- Upon completion of the program, nearly all participants had well-controlled asthma and used tools such as an asthma action plan and proper inhaler technique to help them maintain their level of asthma control.3

- Our data show that fewer participants used their Short-Acting Beta Agonist every day, experienced symptoms every day, and reported less activity limitation due to asthma.3

- Nurses and respiratory therapists carrying out the Montana Asthma Home Visiting Program can work with primary care providers and specialists to provide more in-depth asthma education and improve asthma control among their patients.

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PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Our free cancer screening services include mammograms, Pap tests, and some diagnostic tests.

Eligibility is open to women who are un- or under-insured and meet age and income guidelines:

- Women age 21-64
- Or meet other age criteria

Patients need to be screened by an enrolled Montana Cancer Control Program (MCCP) Provider. To become an enrolled MCCP Provider, contact Montana Medical Billing at 1-888-227-7065.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Prevention and early detection of breast and cervical cancers
- Free or low cost screenings to women who are un- or under-insured
- Cancer treatment services through the Montana Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (breast and cervical cancers only)

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS

- Patient education on screening guidelines and test options
- Client navigation through screening process
- Follow-up screening reminders to clients
- Client referral to other free or low cost chronic disease management programs offered through the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services, see https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/chronicdisease

RESOURCES

For information on free cancer screening services:

Call 1-888-803-9343

Visit these websites for more information:

www.cancer.mt.gov
www.mtcancercoalition.org

WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?

- A physician recommendation is one of the most important factors in getting screened for cancer.
- Cancer is the leading cause of death among Montana residents. About 2,000 Montanans die of cancer each year.1
- 40% of men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.
- 38% of women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Montana Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) is an evidence-based program that began in 2008, with the goal to prevent or delay the development of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease among at risk Montanans.

PROGRAM BENEFITS
• Empowerment through education and application
• Movement toward a healthier self one step at a time
• Sustainability through behavior change
• Increased physical activity
  - 63% of participants achieved the physical activity goal of at least 150 minutes per week
• Weight loss
  - Average weight loss of 11 pounds per person
  - 47% of participants achieved at least 5% weight loss
  - 23% of participants achieved a weight loss of 9%

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS
• 12-month intensive lifestyle change program with 22 group sessions focusing on:
  - Behavior change
  - Healthy eating strategies
  - Ways to become more physically active
  - Goal of 150 minutes of physical activity per week
  - Goal of 7% weight loss
• Facilitated by trained lifestyle coaches that encourage, coach and motivate participants to adopt sustainable lifestyle changes

RESOURCES
Visit these websites for more information:
https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/diabetes/dpp
https://arcg.is/OC19H

WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?
• An estimated 33.9% of U.S. adults aged 18 years or older (84.1 million) have prediabetes.¹
• Type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed by lifestyle changes.
• The Diabetes Prevention Program intensive lifestyle intervention has been shown to reduce the incidence of type 2 diabetes by 58%, and this risk reduction is sustained over time.²

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Diabetes education is a collaborative process that helps people with diabetes learn how to successfully manage their disease. The goal of diabetes education is to help people with diabetes practice self-care behaviors every day and be as healthy as possible. It is also known as diabetes self-management education (DSMES) and is provided by diabetes educators. Diabetes educators are nurses, dietitians, pharmacists and other health professionals with an expertise in diabetes.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Real-life guidance and coaching to help people understand exactly how to best manage their diabetes, and to feel supported while doing it
- Four key times to see a diabetes educator:
  1. Upon diagnosis with diabetes
  2. Annually, like a checkup
  3. When there are changes in your diabetes, your diabetes medications or other health conditions
  4. When there are major life changes, including changes in insurance, living situations, etc.
- Focuses on seven self-care behaviors so that people with diabetes can be healthy and fully enjoy life:
  1. Healthy eating
  2. Being active
  3. Monitoring
  4. Taking medication
  5. Problem solving
  6. Healthy coping
  7. Reducing risks

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS

- Education, understanding, and support on all aspects of diabetes care by diabetes educators in individual or group settings
- Individualized plan that includes the tools and support to help make the plan easy to follow
- DSMES is a covered benefit by Medicare, MT Medicaid, and many private health insurance providers

RESOURCES

Visit this website for more information:
http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/diabetes/qdei
https://arcg.is/KnyzG

WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?

- In Montana, 7.9% of adults, including 18.9% of American Indians, reported having been diagnosed with diabetes in 2017.¹
- Diabetes self-management education (DSMES) results in improved A1C, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels as well as fewer complications and reduced rates of hospitalizations.²
- DSMES is a cost-effective strategy that results in reduced diabetes-related health care cost.³

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Sources
Montana Living Life Well

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Montana Living Life Well, also known as the Stanford Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) is a workshop designed to help individuals living with chronic condition(s) to manage and improve their day-to-day health through new tools and skills to learn how to manage any chronic health condition.

Montana Living Life Well is an interactive workshop that focuses on challenges that are common to individuals dealing with any chronic condition and how to overcome them. Family members and caregivers are encouraged to attend.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Develop skills and coping strategies to manage health conditions
- Increase confidence to manage own chronic conditions
- Helps decrease depression, fear, and frustration about chronic health conditions
- Improve communication with friends, family, and health care providers
- Decrease emergency department visits and hospitalization

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO THE PARTICIPANTS

All Montana Living Life Well participants receive a Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions book.

Topics covered during the Montana Living Life Well workshop include:

- Techniques to deal with problems such as frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation.
- Communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals.
- How to deal with difficult emotions.
- Problem solving and decision-making.
- Many more topics.

RESOURCES

Visit these websites for more information:
https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/arthritis

WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?

- 2 in 3 Montana adults report having at least one chronic disease.1
- Over a third of Montana adults have two or more chronic conditions.1
- 15% of Montana adults report their health as fair or poor.1
- Most common chronic conditions in Montana are1:
  - Arthritis
  - Asthma
  - Cancer
  - Depression
  - Diabetes
  - Heart Disease

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Sources
Living Well With A Disability

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Living Well with a Disability (LWD) is a 10-week evidence-based health promotion workshop for people with physical disabilities or mobility impairments. This program helps participants develop goals for meaningful activities that link to the management of secondary health conditions and healthy lifestyle.* See below for contact information for Centers for Independent Living.

- Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow (LIFTT), Billings (259-5181)
- Montana Independent Living Project (MILP), Helena (442-5755)
- North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS), Black Eagle (452-9834)
- Summit Independent Living Center (Summit), Missoula (728-1630)

PROGRAM BENEFITS
- 20%-25% fewer limitations from preventable secondary conditions
- Reduction in use of health care services
- Reduced health care costs
- Improvements in outlook, lifestyle, and health

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS
- Peer support and facilitated guidance
- A workbook and skills training for:
  - Setting goals
  - Solving problems
  - Managing health
  - Communicating with service providers
  - Avoiding frustration and depression
  - Increasing physical activity and nutrition
  - Maintaining healthy lifestyle practices

RESOURCES
Visit these websites for more information:
http://livingandworkingwell.ruralinstitute.umt.edu
https://www.dphhs.mt.gov/detd/independentliving

WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?
- Studies have shown that individuals with disabilities are more likely than people without disabilities to report: poorer overall health, less access to adequate health care, smoking and physical inactivity.3
- 30% of Montana adults with disabilities report their general health as fair or poor compared to 7% without disabilities.4
- 30% of Montana adults with disabilities report that their health had prevented their usual activities compared to 5% without disabilities.4
- Montana adults with disabilities report higher rates of obesity and diabetes compared to those without disabilities.4

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Sources

* A secondary condition is any medical, social, emotional, mental, family, or community problem that a person with a primary disabling condition (stroke, MS, brain injury, etc.) likely experiences. http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.mtKZKgMWKwG/b.4453157/k.6464/Secondary_conditions.htm
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Stepping On is an evidence-based falls prevention program that addresses falls risk factors in the home and community and provides practical lifestyle adjustments to reduce the chances of falling.

About 30% of older people who fall lose their self-confidence and start to go out less often. Inactivity leads to loss of muscle strength and balance, increasing the risk of falling.3 Stepping On aims to break that cycle, engaging people in a range of relevant fall preventive strategies.

The Stepping On workshop is seven weeks, offered once a week for two hours.

Eligible Participants:
- 60 years or older
- Have fallen or have a fear of falling
- Live independently in own home or apartment
- Do not have dementia

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Reduce falls by a third3
- Decrease fear of falling and maintain independence
- Increase performance of safe behaviors
- Fewer falls mean fewer injuries, fewer visits to the emergency room, fewer hospitalizations, and fewer deaths due to a fall

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS

- Interactive classes
- Individualized plans and follow-up by the Stepping On leader
- Topics reviewed in the Stepping On class:
  - Balance and strength exercises
  - Medication review
  - Identifying home hazards
  - Community mobility and safety in public places
  - Safe footwear
  - Coping after a fall
  - Link between vision and falling
- Social interaction

RESOURCES

Visit this website for more information:
https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/EMSTS/prevention/falls

WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?

- Falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for adults aged 65+.1
- One out of four older adults fall each year.2
- Falling once doubles your chances of falling again.2
- Over 95% of hip fractures are caused from falling.2

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Sources
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Montana Tobacco Quit Line is a free telephone service, offering cessation counseling, quit plans, educational materials, and nicotine replacement therapy to Montana residents. When someone calls the Quit Line, a trained counselor is available to coach and help create a personalized quit plan just for them. The Quit Line helps Montanans who use tobacco end their addiction to nicotine products (cigarettes, chew, cigars, e-cigarettes).

TWO SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The Quit Now Montana Pregnancy Program offers additional benefits to pregnant women. The program includes nine coaching calls with a single dedicated coach. Pregnancy program participants are eligible for free NRT (Nicotine Replacement Therapy) during pregnancy and additional weeks of free NRT postpartum (prescription required). A small cash incentive is sent for each completed coaching call.

The American Indian Commercial Tobacco Quit Line (AICTQL) is a culturally appropriate program for tobacco users who honor the traditional role of tobacco, while attempting to quit their commercial tobacco addiction. The AICTQL is open M-F 6am–7:30pm MST and is staffed exclusively by American Indian coaches.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Increase chances of quitting- People who use the Montana Tobacco Quit Line are 7-10 times more likely to quit than those who try on their own.¹
- Save money- Not only will you save money by not buying tobacco but you will also save on health care costs.
- Live a longer and healthier life- Quitting reduces the risk for stroke, heart disease and cancer.²

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS

- FREE phone or web-based tobacco cessation
- FREE enrollment by phone or online
- FREE personalized quit plans
- FREE cessation coaching
- FREE Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) including gum, patches or lozenges
- FREE or Reduced Cost Cessation Medications (Varenicline and Bupropion when available)
- FREE educational materials

RESOURCES

Visit our website for more information:
quitsnowmontana.com

Call toll-free 1-800-QUIT-NOW
(1-800-784-8669)

We’re here 7 days a week, 5 a.m. – 11 p.m., Mountain Standard Time

Sources
1. National Jewish Health 2018 Montana Outcomes Report
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Walk with Ease program is a six week walking program for anyone who wants to start or maintain a low-impact exercise program.

Two Walk with Ease Program Options:
- Walk with Ease Group
  - Group meets one to three times per week (depending on group)
  - Trained instructor reviews health topic and safety tips
  - Walk together as a group
- Walk with Ease Self-Directed
  - Independent walking program, ideal for worksite wellness
  - All communication is through email
  - Instructors send a weekly motivational email
  - Participants keep track of walking minutes and report back to the instructor via email

PROGRAM BENEFITS
- Participants start at their fitness level
- Increases physical activity
- Decreases pain, fatigue, and depression
- Increases confidence in one’s ability to exercise and perform daily activities

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS
Participants receive:
- A Walk with Ease book.
- Healthy walking tips.
- Increased confidence to be physically active and maintain walking after six months.
- Group class participants have social interaction with peers.
- Self-directed receive weekly, encouraging emails.

RESOURCES
Visit this website for more information:
https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/arthritits

Sources

WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?
- 20% of Montana adults report not engaging in physical activity.1
- 2 out of 3 Montana adults are overweight or obese.1
- Regular physical activity improves overall health and reduces risk for chronic diseases.
- Recommended—150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Working Well with a Disability (WWD) is a six week health promotion workshop for people with physical disabilities that considers the prevention and management of secondary conditions in the context of employment. Primary disabling conditions place people at greater risk of secondary health conditions like pain, fatigue, and depression that undermine long-term employment.* WWD is for individuals with disabilities preparing for, or trying to maintain employment.1 See below for contact information for Centers for Independent Living.

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- Montana Independent Living Project (MILP), Helena (442-5755)
- North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS), Black Eagle (452-9834)
- Summit Independent Living Center (Summit), Missoula (728-1630)

PROGRAM BENEFITS
- Reductions in limitation from secondary conditions
- Improved health and capacity to work
- Reduced isolation2

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS
- Peer support and facilitated guidance
- A workbook and skills training for:
  - Managing health and secondary conditions
  - Addressing competing life demands
  - Managing stress
  - Increasing physical activity and nutrition
  - Maintaining work/life balance through healthy lifestyle practices

RESOURCES
Visit these websites for more information:
http://livingandworkingwell.ruralinstitute.umt.edu
https://www.dphhs.mt.gov/detd/independentliving

Sources

* A secondary condition is any medical, social, emotional, mental, family, or community problem that a person with a primary disabling condition (stroke, MS, brain injury, etc.) likely experiences. http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.mkRZyjNIWwG/h.445153574/644A4/Secondary_conditions.htm

WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?
- 37% of adult Montanans with disabilities are employed compared to 75% of Montanans without disabilities.3
- 10% of Montanans with disabilities are actively seeking work.3

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Worksite Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (wCDSMP), is a worksite wellness workshop designed to focus on challenges that are common to employees with chronic health conditions within the workplace.

The wCDSMP is a six week workshop offered two times per week for one hour.

PROGRAM BENEFITS
Participants that have completed the wCDSMP workshop demonstrate:

- Skills and coping strategies to manage health conditions.
- How to manage home and work stressors.
- Decrease depression, fear, frustration about chronic health conditions and fatigue.
- Improved communication with friends, family, and health care providers.
- Reduced absenteeism at work due to physical and mental health days.

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO THE PARTICIPANTS
All wCDSMP participants receive a Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions book.

Topics covered during the wCDSMP workshop include:

- Balancing work and home life.
- Dealing with problems such as frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation.
- Communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals.
- Decision-making and problem-solving.
- Many more topics.

RESOURCES
Visit this website for more information:
https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/arthritis
https://www.ncoa.org/

Sources

WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?

- Over half of Montana working age population has at least one chronic health condition.1
- 65% of Montana working-age adults with a chronic disease report having at least one unhealthy (physical or mental) day within the past 30 days.1
- Most common chronic conditions:
  - Arthritis
  - Asthma
  - Depression
  - Diabetes
  - High cholesterol
  - Hypertension

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Montana Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Bureau’s (CDPHPB) Worksite Wellness Program promotes inclusive worksite wellness programs and policies to ensure that all Montana employees have support and access to healthy food and beverages, breastfeeding support, physical activity, tobacco free environments, tobacco cessation opportunities, and insurance coverage for cancer preventative services.

**PROGRAM BENEFITS**

- Improve the health of employees
- Improve employee productivity
- Reduce health care costs for employers
- Reduce absenteeism

**WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS**

Sample policies, programs, and environmental interventions to support physical activity, good nutrition, tobacco-use cessation, lactation support, and cancer preventative services.

Technical assistance webinars are provided on worksite wellness topics.

**CDPHPB Programs:**

- Worksite Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (wCDSMP) – see page 16
- Walk with Ease Self-Directed (WWE-SD) – see page 14
- Montana Tobacco Quit Line – see page 13
- School Employee Wellness
- Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) – see page 8
- Montana Asthma Home Visiting Program (MAP) – see page 6

**RESOURCES**

The Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Bureau supports worksites by providing sample policy templates and a worksite wellness webinar series: https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/WorksiteWellness

The Wellness Council of America (WELCOA) aids in the development of workplace wellness programs. These programs align with the values, mission, vision, and goals for wellness: https://www.welcoa.org/

The CDC Workplace Health Resource Center (WHRC) is a one-stop shop for workplace health promotion that gives employers resources to create a healthy work environment: https://www.cdc.gov/workplacehealthpromotion/initiatives/resource-center/index.html

**WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?**

- On average, Americans working full-time spend more than one-third of their day, five days per week at the workplace.¹
- Productivity losses related to personal and family health problems cost U.S. employers more than $225 billion every year.²
- 63% of Montana adults report having at least one chronic condition and 37% of Montana adults have two or more.³

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