



In 1994, the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services' Diabetes Program initiated the Diabetes Advisory Coalition, comprised of key stakeholders from around the state.

## **Members**

The Coalition currently consists of about 40 members who provide input and feedback on diabetes initiatives. Members include diabetes educators, dietitians, primary care clinicians, endocrinologists, academic researchers, pharmacists, American Indians, people with a disability, and people with diabetes. The Coalition's current members represent organizations such as the American Diabetes Association, American Association of Diabetes Educators, Indian Health Services, Montana Primary Care Association, Mountain Pacific-Quality Health Foundation, Veterans Affairs, and other Montana chronic disease programs.

## **Meetings**

The Diabetes Advisory Coalition members convene quarterly in January, April, and July to attend Coalition meetings, and in October to attend our annual professional conference.

## **Goals**

Collaboration: Engagement of internal and external partners is essential to share information, elicit feedback, support chronic disease programs, and leverage limited resources.

Representation: Diverse partners ensure representation of the Montana population in the planning, development and implementation of public health interventions.

Inclusion: Every effort will be made to assure that intervention outreach and delivery will be culturally appropriate, be accessible to people of all abilities, address education levels of sub-populations, are age appropriate, and are available in both urban and rural communities.

## **For more information:**

Visit [www.diabetes.mt.gov](http://www.diabetes.mt.gov) and click on Advisory Coalition in the left navigation panel.