

ADA Celebration and Resource Fair



Montana Family to Family

Montana Family to Family (F2F) amplifies the strength of families of children & youth with health care challenges by forging relationships with providers and programs, connecting families to meaningful supports, & providing them opportunities to learn and to share their experience. Center staff can connect you with providers, programs, or other families dealing with issues similar to the ones your family is facing. We can research answers to your questions about services and resources available in Montana. The answers may not be the ones you want, but we can help you explore alternatives. Additionally, Montana F2F also collects family stories & shares identified needs and roadblocks to care with agency heads, legislators, & others who influence systemic change. Collectively, family voices can improve access to healthcare and encourage funding for meaningful supports for our children and youth with disabilities & diagnose.

<http://www.umt.edu/family-to-family/default.php>



Rural Schools Outreach, Montana Transitions Resources & Montana DeafBlind Project

We aim to provide greater access to resources for the teachers of transition-age students with disabilities (ages 16-21), and their families. We also aim to improve access to resources and information for teachers of students with combined vision and hearing loss (ages birth to 21) through our DeafBlind Project team. Our team communicates via email or phone call to provide practical support and expertise in these areas, and facilitates trainings and presentations on-site or virtually.



<https://transition.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/rural-school-outreach-program>



MonTECH

MonTECH is Montana's assistive equipment library. Any Montanan can borrow adaptive equipment or assistive devices from MonTECH to help with learning disabilities, impaired vision or hearing, an inability to speak or move easily, and other challenges. You can also get free 1:1 help to learn what's available and how to use it.

<https://montech.ruralinstitute.umt.edu>



Disability Rights Montana

Disability Rights Montana's mission is to protect and advocate for the human, legal, and civil rights of Montanans with disabilities while advancing dignity, equality, and self-determination. We envision a society where people with disabilities have equality of opportunity and are able to participate fully in community life by exercising choice and self-determination.

disabilityrightsmt.org



Montana Public Health & Human Services ~Transportation Services

Acting as a bridge between Montanans with disabilities and their options is accessing information through the Transportation Coordinator for the Department of Public Health & Human Services. The Coordinator's job is to look at all public and private aspects of transportation and assess if they are meeting the needs of traveling Montanans. The Coordinator works with agencies within DPHHS & across the state to improve transportation, & works with consumers to explain their transportation options.

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/transportation/>



Montana Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services Vocational Rehabilitation

VRBS promotes opportunities for Montanans with disabilities to have rewarding careers and achieve maximum personal potential. Individuals with disabilities seeking employment and their employers comprise our two primary customers. Montana VRBS help individuals with disabilities find employment in their communities while earning livable wages.

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/blvs/blvs-vr/index>



Montana Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services Blind and Low Vision Services

These services are provided to older visually impaired or blind individuals so they can live more independently in their homes and communities.

Our mission is to advance work and independence for Montanans with blindness or visual disabilities. Blind and Low Vision Services provides services through three programs to assist individuals in finding or maintaining employment, learning to live with low vision or blindness, and increasing independence. These programs are Vocational Rehabilitation, Business Enterprise, and Older Blind.

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/blvs/index>



Montana Empowerment Center

The mission of Montana Empowerment Center (MEC) is to empower, encourage and educate all Montana families of children and young adults (birth to 26 years of age) with disabilities. The MEC provides online resources and individualized assistance to help Montana parents and educators to support and enrich the lives of children with disabilities.

<https://mtempowermentcenter.org>



Developmental Disabilities Program

Developmental Disabilities Program including Medicaid Waiver and 0208 Waiver Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP) provides services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The program provides targeted case management services to eligible individuals age 16 and older. Waiver services are Medicaid funded Services and Support that provide more extensive options within community-based options. Developmental Disability (DD) services help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/BHDD/DisabilityServices/developmentaldisabilities/>



Community Action Partnership- Action for Eastern Montana

Action for Eastern Montana is committed to strengthening and enhancing the quality of life within the communities we serve by promoting education, advocacy and dignity for achieving independence. Programs include Area 1 Agency on Aging, Senior Companions Program, Employment & Training, Head Start, Section 8 Housing, and LIHEAP Weatherization.

aemt.org



Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center

The mission of Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center is to provide quality, professional, comprehensive mental health and substance abuse treatment services to the citizens of Eastern Montana in ways that respect the dignity of our citizens and communities.

We are committed to helping create healthy & secure communities, achieved through a comprehensive system of care that holds paramount the needs of the consumers. Vital to this commitment is a network of services & professional providers offering services of unparalleled value.

<http://www.emcmhc.com>



Hi-Line Home Programs, Inc.

Hi-Line Home Programs, Inc. provides supports and services for children and families. We offer a wide range of programs and services to meet the needs of children and families in Montana including Child & Adult Food Program (CACFP), Family Education and Support Services, Infant/Toddler Program (Part C early intervention), Family Education & Support Services, Children's Waiver Services (CWS), and Adult Supported Living Program, and In-Home Services.

hilinehomeprograms.org



AWARE

We help people live independent lives. AWARE is a statewide nonprofit organization that offers quality, community-based support for people with mental health and/or developmental disabilities and early intervention through Early Head Start programs. We serve all 56 counties in Montana.

Aware ensures people with mental health and/or developmental disabilities live in a home of their choice and provide the day-to-day support they need, help adults with disabilities find fulfilling employment, support children ages 0-8 and their families through a number of early childhood programs, ensure adults and children live successfully in their communities (providing home visits, help in school, assistance with services, psychiatric assessment, and outpatient counseling), and hire professional, experienced staff to serve the individuals we support, employing more than 800 employees across Montana.

<http://www.aware-inc.org>



State Independent Living Council

The mission of the Montana Statewide Independent Living (SILC) is focused on making independent living a reality in the community of their choice for Montanans with disabilities. Goals set for the following three years include 1. Promoting awareness of Independent Living services for those with disabilities across Montana. 2. Providing factual evidence to stake holders, community members, and state and local legislatures to provide best practices that advocate for systemic change in the Independent Living community. 3. Developing integrated community access for Montanans with disabilities.

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/independentliving/MTSILC>

Montana Department of Labor & Industry

Job service (Adult WIOA adult program) is designed to help individuals obtain or retain suitable employment by providing them access to services such as job search assistance, career guidance, & training and educational opportunities. Although not a condition of eligibility, the WIOA Adult program establishes a priority requirement to provide individualized career services & training services to recipients of public assistance, other low-income individuals, and individuals who are basic skills deficient. In addition, veterans receive priority of service in all DOL-funded employment programs.

[Job Service Montana \(montanaworks.gov\)](http://montanaworks.gov)



Montana Telecommunications Access Program (MTAP)

The Montana Telecommunications Access Program provides special phones and other communications equipment at no cost to qualified Montana residents who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech, vision, or mobility challenges. MTAP also ensures Montana phone users have 24/7 access to relay services (711), enabling equal access to phone communication for all.

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/mtap/>



North Central Independent Living

North Central Independent Living (NCILS) is a cross-disability service agency providing assistance to persons all across North Central Montana. Our mission is to provide access to a more independent lifestyle for persons with disabilities through advocacy, education, coordination of services and information as directed by consumer need. The corporation shall be guided by the principles of the consumer control which include as much

independence for the person as possible, the chance for a person to experience life to its fullest potential, to advocate for barrier free communities, to give accountability and credibility to a person's own choice with a right to dignity and independence.

<https://ncils.org>



Work Incentives Planning and Assistance

Montana State University Billings (MSUB) ~ Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA) receives funding from Social Security through a cooperative agreement and the Montana Center for Inclusive Education at MSUB contracts Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services (VRBS). We provide benefits counseling to Social Security Disability beneficiaries who are interested in work and individuals who are already working. The goal of the WIPA program is to assist Social Security beneficiaries with disabilities make informed choices about work and to support working beneficiaries by helping them make a successful transition to self-sufficiency.

<https://www.msubillings.edu/socialsecurity/>



Montana Office of Public Instruction Special Education

The Montana Office of Public Instruction Special Education Family Liaison supports strong partnerships and collaborative working relationships between families and schools by providing technical assistance, resources, and other educational opportunities to benefit Montana students who receive special education services. The Special Education Family Liaison is not an attorney, does not provide legal advice to families or schools, and does not advocate on behalf of any one party. Rather, this individual focuses on assisting others to

understand and navigate various special education or school district processes and procedures.

<https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/School-Climate-Student-Wellness/Special-Education>



Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

Our mission is to foster the growth and development of children who are hard of hearing or deaf, have low vision or blindness, or who are deafblind. MSDB believes that all children are capable and confident and able to become successful citizens. We embrace the whole-child philosophy of education, which includes sensory-specific access to communication and curriculum in safe learning and living environments.

MSDB is the statewide resource for families and schools. We serve children who are identified with hearing and/or vision conditions, aged birth through 21 years, at no cost to families. Children who qualify for our services may attend classes on our campus, in their own local schools, or a combination of both. MSDB has Outreach Consultants who are specifically trained to work with children who have hearing or vision challenges. Our Outreach Program is statewide and offers consultative support to families, students, and local school districts.

<https://www.msdbmustangs.org>



Montana Youth Transitions

This 3-day conference (held in November) for high school students and out-of-school youth/young adults with disabilities, their families, teachers, counselors, and other service providers is an unforgettable opportunity to learn more about preparing successful transition plans and preparing for the adult world.

<https://montanayouthtransitions.org/>



Indian Health Services

If you're an adult who thinks they might have an undiagnosed disability living on the Fort Peck Reservation you can call 406-768-2185 to schedule a mental health evaluation for a learning disability.

<https://www.ihs.gov/billings/healthcarefacilities/ftpeck/>