



# 2024 Independent Living Symposium

## September 9 – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Great Northern: Best Western Hotel: Helena, MT

### Breaking Barriers & Empowering CHANGE

#### **Monday, September 9th** ***Montana IL Yesterday and Today***

10:00am – 11:00am	SILC Board Member meeting
11:00am – 12:00pm	Check-in
12:00pm – 12:15pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome: Scott Williamson, Chair of the SILC</li> <li>• Opening Remarks: Mike Manhardt</li> </ul>
12:15pm – 1:00pm	Olmstead History & Why Should We Care? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June Hermanson &amp; Tom Osborn</li> </ul>
1:00pm – 2:45pm	SPIL Overview & relationship to the Task Forces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tami Hoar, Executive Director Summit IL</li> </ul> Task Forces (The Centers and the Task Forces) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction &amp; background of Task Forces by Travis Hoffman.</li> <li>• Task Forces: introduce the task force, how task force is facilitated, current update of what is going on, and what accomplished during the past year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transportation- Shyla Patera (later w/David Task as facilitator to help make systemic change in this area)</li> <li>○ Self-Determination- Travis Hoffman</li> <li>○ Community Living- Theresa Martinosky</li> <li>○ Youth &amp; Employment- Rachel Mosley &amp; Margaret Keener</li> <li>○ Native American- Sophia Tanguma</li> <li>○ Legislative Advocacy- Margaret Keener</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2:45 pm – 3:00pm	Break
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Task Force Break Out Session #1 (working groups) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the task forces going to do to reinforce the SPIL *room assignments on last page</li> </ul>
4:30pm	Social and Dinner on Own

## Tuesday, September 10th

### *Why is Competitive Integrated Employment So Important?*

8:30am	Registration
9:00am – 9:45am	Where is Olmstead Today? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Molly Kimmel, Executive Director of the Rural Institute</li></ul>
9:45am – 11:00am	Part 1: Empowering Youth by Working Together <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panel Moderator: Tammy Hogan</li><li>• Independent Living Services<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Tami Hoar, Executive Director Summit</li></ul></li><li>• Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Andrew Lowney, Pre-ETS Specialist Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services, Missoula Region</li></ul></li><li>• Pre-ETS Involvement<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Layla Riggs, currently enrolled in school, Helena</li></ul></li><li>• Pre-ETS provider<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Kendra Brown, IL Specialist Ability Montana</li><li>○ Kellan R. Jean, IL Specialist Summit Montana</li><li>○ Gavin Workman, IL Specialist Summit Montana</li></ul></li></ul>
11:00am – 11:15am	Break
11:15am – 12:15pm	Part 2: Non-Traditional Ways of Breaking Barriers & Empowering Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alternative Pathways for reaching students<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ SUMMIT &amp; Ability MT (Kellan R. Jean, Gavin Workman, &amp; Kendra Brown)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Hosting Dungeon &amp; Dragons</li><li>▪ YODA</li><li>▪ BALLS</li><li>▪ BOSS</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• MYLF, Step 2, MYTransitions<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Lucy Galarus, attendee, Butte High School</li><li>○ Margaret Keener</li><li>○ Jen Hermanson</li></ul></li><li>• Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Carmelita Matt, MSW, SWLC</li></ul></li></ul>
12:15pm – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm – 2:15pm	Keynote Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cheryl Bates-Harris, Disability Rights Network</li><li>• Issues surrounding 14c certificates</li></ul>
2:15pm – 3:00pm	Panel: Individuals working in Sheltered Workshops and making change <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shelia &amp; Harold Leigland panel participants</li></ul>
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Break
3:15pm – 4:00pm	Chanda Hermanson, Administrator Disability Employment Transitions Division

## Wednesday, September 11th

### *Looking Ahead*

9:00am – 10:30am Break Out Session #2

10:30am – 11:30pm What Next?

- Task Force Reports (SPIL Goals and Olmstead plans)
  - 10-minute report/task force report
- IL Symposium Wrap-Up

11:30am – 12:30am 'Preparing for the Upcoming Legislative Session'.

- June Hermanson, Jed Barton
  - Tricks and tips to be ready to communicate, write, & testify to Empower Change.
- Mary Caferro, Representative House District 82

### Task Force Breakout Room Assignments:

Oriental A: Self-Determination

Oriental B: Community Living

Oriental C: Transportation

Oriental D: Legislative Advocacy

Club Car: Youth and Employment

Empire Builder: Native American Task Force