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Montana Centers for Independent Living Collaborative Resource Directory

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## Montana 211:

Montana 2-1-1 provides information and connects people to resources for non-emergency needs.

* Phone: 2-1-1
* Please visit: [Montana 211](https://montana211.org/)

## ABLE Programs:

An ABLE account is a savings account allowing a person with disabilities to save money without jeopardizing his/her Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid benefits. An eligible person is an individual who became disabled before his/her 26th birthday. An individual can have only one ABLE account. The owner of the account is the person with a disability, also known as the beneficiary of the assets in the account (cash, mutual fund, or other type of investment).

* Phone: 888-609-3461;
* Please visit: [Home | Montana ABLE (savewithable.com)](https://savewithable.com/mt/home.html)

## Aging Services:

* Phone: 406-444-1707;
* Please visit: [Departments of Aging - Montana (Senior Programs & Transportation) (countyoffice.org)](https://www.countyoffice.org/mt-departments-of-aging/#:~:text=Find%20Montana%20departments%20of%20aging%2C%20offices%2C%20councils%2C%20agencies,Department%20of%20Aging%20110%20Main%20Street%20Polson%2C%20MT)

## Blind and Low-Vision Services:

The Blind and Low Vision Services (BLVS) program in Montana 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 (1) Vocational Rehabilitation, (2) Business Enterprise Program, and (3) Older Blind. BLVS is available statewide. Their Central Office administrative staff is located in Helena.

* Phone: 1 (877) 296-1197 (toll-free consumer line), (406) 444-2590 (voice/TTY)
* Email: [vrinfo@mt.gov](mailto:vrinfo@mt.gov)
* Please visit: [Blind and Low Vision Services (mt.gov)](https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/blvs/index)

## Centers for Independent Living:

Nonprofit corporations that provide people with disabilities services needed to live the way they desire. These services may include referrals, independent living skills training, peer mentoring, advocacy, housing, and transition services.

* Please visit: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/independentliving/Center>

### [Ability Montana](http://milp.us/) (formerly mILp)

* + <http://milp.us/>
  + (800) 735-6457
  + Helena: (406) 442-5755
  + Bozeman: (406) 522-7300
  + Butte: (406) 782-4834
  + Serves Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Granite, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Madison, Meagher, Park, Powell, Silver Bow, Sweet Grass, and Wheatland counties.

### [Living Independently for Today & Tomorrow (LIFTT)](https://liftt.org/contact/)

* + <https://liftt.org/contact/>
  + (800) 699-6319
  + Billings: (406) 690-6324 -; 1201 Grand Ave., Suite #1, Billings, MT 59102

Hours: Tues. Thurs. & Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Wed, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

* + Glendive: (406) 948-8500
  + Serves Richland, McCone, Dawson, Garfield, Prairie, Wilbaux, Fallon, Custer, Rosebud, Musselshell, Golden Valley, Stillwater, Yellowstone, Treasure, Carbon, Big Horn, Powder River, and Carter counties.

### [North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS)](http://ncils.org/)

* + <http://ncils.org/>
  + (800) 823-6245
  + Serves Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Valley, Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt, Pondera, Teton, Chouteau, Cascade, Judith Basin, Fergus, and Petroleum counties.

### [Summit Independent Living Center](https://www.summitilc.org)

* + <https://www.summitilc.org/>
  + (800) 398-9002
  + Missoula: (406) 728-1630
  + Hamilton: (406) 363-5242
  + Kalispell: (406) 257-0048
  + Ronan: (406) 215-1604
  + Serves Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders, Lake, Mineral, Missoula, and Ravalli counties.

## Disability Rights:

**Disability Rights Montana provides information, referral, legal representation, outreach and training to people with disabilities and their families.** Learn about their services, legislative actions, events and how to get involved.

* Phone: 406-449-2344
* Please visit: [Disability Rights Montana – Protecting and advocating for the rights of people with disabilities. (disabilityrightsmt.org)](https://disabilityrightsmt.org/)

## Eagle Mount:

For nearly 40 years, with the help and support of a generous community, We’ve focused on celebrating abilities and removing barriers to recreation. We serve individuals with disabilities for all ages, as well as people with cancer. Whether horseback riding, skiing, swimming, gardening, cycling, climbing, or enjoying a variety of other activities, our participants and their families expand their horizons in a multitude of ways through each of Montana’s four seasons.

* Phone: 406-587-1781
* Please visit: [Eagle Mount Bozeman](https://eaglemount.org/)

## Food Banks:

* Phone: 406-721-3825
* Please visit: [Home - Montana Food Bank Network (mfbn.org)](https://mfbn.org/)
* Local:

## Housing/Housing Authority:

* Phone: 406-841-2840; TDD 406-841-2702;
* Please visit: [housing.mt.gov](https://housing.mt.gov/)
* Local:

## Human Resource Connection:

* Phone: 406-444-3871;
* Please visit: [HR Portal (mt.gov)](https://hr.mt.gov/HR-Portal/)

## Job Service:

* Phone: 406-444-2840;
* Please visit: [Job Service Montana (montanaworks.gov)](https://montanaworks.gov/job-service-montana/)
* Local:

## Meals on Wheels:

* Phone: 406-447-1680;
* Please visit: [Meals on Wheels America](https://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/)

## Montana Disability and Health Program (MTDH):

* Please visit: [Montana Disability and Health Program (umt.edu)](http://mtdh.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/)

## [MonTech](https://montech.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/):

MonTECH provides Montanans with access to assistive technology for communication, vision, hearing, learning, mobility, daily activities, vehicle, and recreation with little to no cost. They also provide device demonstrations and accessibility training as needed.

* Phone: Missoula: (406) 243-5511; Billings: (406) 657-2089
* Please visit:; Please visit: [Montana Telecommunications Access Program (MTAP)](https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/mtap/): <https://montech.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/>

MTAP provides communication resources such as TTY, relay calling, interpreters, and assistive equipment for those who are Deaf, hard of hearing, and/or have communication difficulties.

* Phone: Office: (800) 833- 8503; Speech to Speech: (877) 253-4613; Spanish Relay: (866) 225-1866; TTY/VCO/Hearing Carry Over: 711
* Please visit: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/mtap/>

## Mountain Pacific Quality Health:

Mountain Pacific is a nonprofit health care improvement organization that partners within our communities to provide solutions for better health. We first opened our doors in Helena, Montana, in 1973; since then, we have broadened our reach to include Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii and the U.S. Pacific Territories of Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

* Phone: 406-443-4020;
* Please visit: [Mountain-Pacific Quality Health (mpqhf.org)](https://www.mpqhf.org/corporate/)

## Office of Public Assistance:

* Please visit: [Office of Public Assistance (mt.gov)](https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/OfficeofPublicAssistance)

## Opportunity Inc.:

* Phone: 406-761-0310;
* Please visit: [Home - Opportunities Inc (oppincchanginglives.org)](https://oppincchanginglives.org/)

## Paratransit:

* Apply for Service: Passengers must meet the legal and medical requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act through an application process.  Please call 406-497-6515 for an application to be sent to you.  Missoula: Mountain Line; Phone: 406-721-2848; [Mountain Line – Missoula, Montana Public Transit](https://mountainline.com/)
* Butte: [Transit Services | City and County of Butte-Silver Bow, MT](https://www.co.silverbow.mt.us/178/Transit-Services)
* Great Falls: Phone: 406-727-0382; <https://www.gftransit.com/>
* Billings: Phone: 406-657-8218; <https://www.billingsmt.gov/3042/MET>

## Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH):

Projects for Assistance in transition from homelessness.

* Phone: 406-444-3718;
* Please visit: [Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) (mt.gov)](https://dphhs.mt.gov/bhdd/prevention/ProjectsforAssistanceinTransitionfromHomelessnessPATH)

## Riverstone Health:

* Phone: 406-247-3200;
* Please visit: [Contact - RiverStone Health](https://riverstonehealth.org/contact/)

## Rocky Mountain ADA Center:

* Phone: 1-800-949-4232; ASL Deaf/HOH: 719-358-2460
* Please visit: [Homepage | Rocky Mountain ADA](https://rockymountainada.org/)

## Salvation Army:

* Please visit: [Montana - Intermountain Division DHQ (salvationarmy.org)](https://westernusa.salvationarmy.org/intermountain_us_west/montana/)
* Local:

## Social Security office:

* Phone: 800-772-1213
* Please visit: [The United States Social Security Administration | SSA](https://www.ssa.gov/)
* Find your local office: Social Security Office Locator

## MT Talking Book Program (BARD):

The **Braille and Audio Reading Download** (BARD) is a password-protected web site that enables eligible readers, upon approval by Montana Talking Book Library (MTBL), to download any of the thousands of titles recorded by NLS for its readership.

* Please visit: [Montana Talking Books Home (mt.gov)](https://msl.mt.gov/tbl/)

## Treatment Court:

Montana law defines a **drug treatment court** as “a court…implementing a program of incentives and sanctions intended to assist a participant to end the participant’s addiction to drugs and to cease criminal behavior associated with drug use and addiction.”

* Please visit: [Montana Treatment Courts (mt.gov)](https://courts.mt.gov/Courts/Treatment/)

## Veterans Affairs:

Montana VA Healthcare System offers a wide range of health and support services. Find a medical center or clinic near you and manage your health online. Sign up for community events and updates and discover what’s new at your Montana VA health care. \*\*Montana VA has now relaxed its masking requirements. Masks are optional in all areas not designated as High Risk. High Risk areas include Infusion Clinics and its waiting areas, Emergency Department and its waiting areas and the visitors to the Community Living Center.

* Please visit: [VA Montana Health Care | Veterans Affairs](https://www.va.gov/montana-health-care/)
* Local:

## Vocational Rehab:

Montana Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services promotes opportunities for Montanans with disabilities to have rewarding careers and achieve maximum personal potential.

* Phone: 406-444-2590;
* Please visit: [Vocational Rehabilitation (mt.gov)](https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/vocrehab/)

## Volunteers of America:

Volunteers of America Northern Rockies inspires self-sufficiency, dignity and hope by providing critical health and human services to thousands of vulnerable individuals and families across the Northern Rockies.

* Phone: 307-672-0475;
* Please visit: [Volunteers of America Northern Rockies - Volunteers of America (voa.org)](https://www.voa.org/affiliates/volunteers-of-america-northern-rockies/)

## Waiver Programs:

The Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services, a program of the US Department of Health and Human Services, allows Montana and other states to operate several HCBS waiver programs at once, each offering a distinct package of services and supports to a different group of individuals. These choices combine to give states considerable latitude in deciding which services and supports will be offered and in customizing benefit packages to meet the needs of particular groups. Medicaid home and community services are available to beneficiaries of all ages with many different types of physical and mental disabilities and chronic illnesses.

* Please visit: [Medicaid Waivers (mt.gov)](https://dphhs.mt.gov/bhdd/DisabilityServices/developmentaldisabilities/ddpmedicaidwaivers)

## WIPA (Work Incentives Planning and Assistance):

Social Security funded program that provides benefits counseling to Social Security Disability beneficiaries who are interested in work. For eligibility and contact information, please visit: [WIPA-brochure-thru-6-30-2021.pdf (umt.edu)](http://transition.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/www/wp-content/uploads/Docs/WIPA-brochure-thru-6-30-2021.pdf#:~:text=Work%20Incentives%20Planning%20and%20Assistance%20%28WIPA%29%20is%20a,Security%20Disability%20beneficiaries%20who%20are%20interested%20in%20work.)

* Contact the Ticket to Work help line to get a referral to the WIPA Program (Monday - Friday 8:00am to 8:00pm,
* EST: 866-968-7842 (v); 866-833-2967 (TTY)