



MONTANA CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Living Independently for Today & Tomorrow

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Services Provided by Montana's Centers for Independent Living:

- Information & Referral (I&R)
- Benefits Assistance/Counseling
- Advocacy Services/Legal Referral
- Peer Advocacy/Support
- Skills Training
- Self-Directed Personal Assistance Services
- Youth Education & Transition Services
- Nursing Home Transition Services
- Disability Education/Social Change
- Systems Advocacy/Change

In fiscal year 2012, Montana Centers for Independent Living provided services to 2,538 individuals and conducted 5,654 I&R's statewide.

Montana Centers for Independent Living also employ 830 people for a total of 361 FTE's in towns all across the state of Montana.

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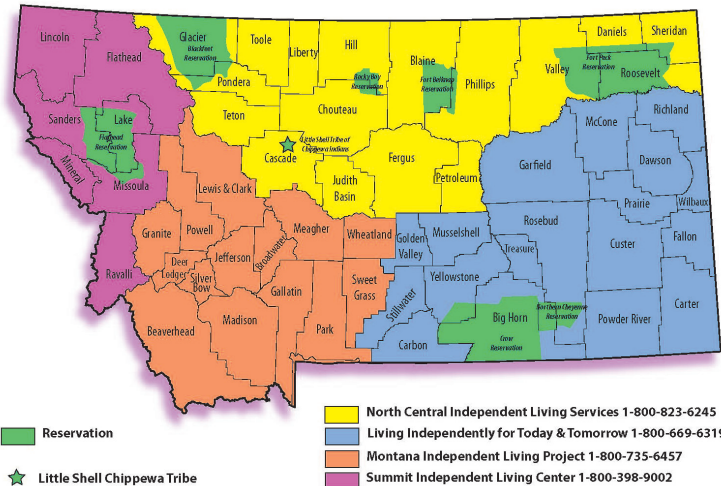
ADVOCATING FOR MONTANANS WITH DISABILITIES

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are **non-residential**, consumer-controlled, community-based, private, non-profit organizations that provide individual and systems advocacy services by and for persons with all types of disabilities.

Montana Centers for Independent Living work with individuals with disabilities and their families to obtain the services they need to preserve their right to choose, to live, and to fully and equally participate in society.

Montana Centers for Independent Living serve as a strong voice on a wide range of national, state and local issues and work to assure physical, attitudinal, and programmatic access to housing, employment, transportation, communities, recreation, and health and social services.



INDEPENDENT LIVING

Independent Living is a philosophy and a movement of people who work to achieve the right of self-determination, equal opportunity and self-respect for all people with disabilities.

Independent Living means being in control of our own lives, taking responsibility for our own actions, being able to take risks, and having the right to either fail or succeed on our own terms. It means participating in community life and pursuing activities based entirely upon self-determined interests and preferences.

All people, including people with disabilities, want to grow up and live with our own families, go to our neighborhood schools, use the same busses as our neighbors, work in jobs that are in line with our education and interests while being fairly and competitively compensated, and be able to start and raise our own families.

Independent Living Priorities for the 2013 Legislative Session

- Implement the Community First Choice Option (HB2 - NP22222)
- Reinstate Montana Youth Transitions Project Funding
- Increase Provider Rates to Bring Them More In Line with the Cost of Doing Business
- Reinstate Medicaid Personal Assistance Services Lost through Budget Reductions
- Ensure the Continuation of the Health Care for Health Care Workers Program
- Ensure Full Accessibility of any Mail Balloting System
- Increase Access to Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver Services as well as Other Services Individuals with Disabilities Rely On

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