Montana Centers for Independent Living

Living Independently for Today & Tomorrow
Billings, MT
Serving 18 SE Montana Counties
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Montana Independent Living Project
Helena, MT
Serving 14 SW Montana Counties
Bob Maffit, Director
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North Central Independent Living Services
Great Falls, MT
Serving 17 N Central & E Montana Counties
Tom Osborn, Director
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Summit Independent Living Center
Missoula, MT
Serving 7 W Montana Counties
Mike Mayer, Director
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Montana Centers for Independent Living provide services to individuals with disabilities. They offer a variety of services including:

- 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 2014, Montana Centers for Independent Living provided services to 2,730 individuals and conducted 6,652 I&R’s statewide.

Montana Centers for Independent Living also employ 871 people for a total of 368 FTE’s in towns all across the state of Montana.
Montana Centers for Independent Living 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 Priorities for the 2015 Legislative Session

- Increase funding to Montana’s four Centers for Independent Living
- Establish a grant based funding program to increase playground accessibility statewide
- Establish ongoing funding for the Montana Youth Transitions Project Funding
- Rebase the Senior and Long-Term Care Home and Community-Based Waiver program budget
- Increase the Medically Needy Medicaid spend down threshold to make it more equitable
- Increase funding for the Montana Youth Leadership Forum
- Continue funding for the Money Follows the Person Housing Bridge program

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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.