Y.O.D.A. FORCE Award Winner
Connor D’Angelo

Last fall Connor, along with several other Boy Scouts and community partners, built a wheelchair ramp for the United Way of Missoula.

Connor had to overcome some hurdles to get the ramp finished, including making sure it fit historical building standards.

For his effort, Connor received his Eagle Scout badge. Now he’s also the recipient of the Y.O.D.A. FORCE Award!

Youth Opening Doors through Advocacy, YODA, presented Connor with the Facing Obstacles & Revolutionizing the Community Environment Award in March.

YODA is a group for youths with disabilities, 13-30ish, that participates in social and advocacy efforts. Missoula YODA has a regular social activity, Video Game Night, that meets twice a month in addition to the regular monthly YODA meeting. Also check out YODA’s new group ARIELS, a club for girls only that meets once a month.

Thank you, Connor, and everyone else who strives to make Montana a stronger and more inclusive place for everyone.
Upcoming Events

Flathead County

Social Security Orientation - First Friday of each month, 9 a.m. and Third Friday, 1 p.m.
Women’s Discussion Group - Second and Fourth Friday of each month, 1-3 p.m.
Sign Language Class - New classes start every few months.
Social Activities - We get together four times a year for social activities. Call the office to get your name on the mailing list so you won't miss the next fun and exciting adventure.

Unless otherwise noted, classes and groups meet at:

Gateway Community Center, United Way Conference Room
1203 Hwy 2 West, Kalispell

Call Flo or Dianna at (406) 257-0048 for more information or to register.

Ravalli County

Man Cave - Dates to be announced
People First - Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m.;
July 15 Missoula Picnic; July 20 Aid Station at Bitterroot Land Trust Bike Tour;
July 26 Pancake Breakfast at Daly Days; Aug. 27 - 30 Fair Booth
Women on the Move - July 31, 11 a.m. Potluck at Travelers’ Rest
TGIAF - Thank Goodness It's Activity Friday - Friday Afternoons, 1-3 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, classes and groups meet at:

Human Resources Council Building, Summit Conference Room
316 N 3rd St., Hamilton

Call Joel or Mary at (406) 363-5242 for more information or to register.

Missoula County

Summit Closed - July 4, July 7
ADA-Missoula Community Picnic - July 15, 4-7 p.m. at McCormick Park
Cold Stone Creamery Benefit - Every Third Tuesday, 4-7 p.m. at Cold Stone Creamery
Summit Orientation - First Friday of each month, 10-11 p.m.
Income and Benefits - First Friday of each month, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, classes meet at:

Summit ILC, Summit's Conference Room
700 SW Higgins, Suite 101, Missoula

Call Kathy at (406) 728-1630 for more information or to register.
Community First Choice: Enhancement to Personal Assistance Services

In Montana, people with disabilities and older adults who need assistance to continue living at home and in the community are often able to get help through Medicaid’s Personal Assistance Services program.

This supportive care assists people with such activities such as bathing, eating and administering medication.

Starting in July 2014, a new program called Community First Choice (CFC) will begin to be implemented for individuals who need in-home support services and meet nursing home level of care guidelines. The CFC program contains all of the services available through the traditional Personal Assistance Services program plus some new additional services not before available through the state plan.

These New Services Include:
- Yard hazard removal
- Correspondence assistance
- Community integration

These new services will mean qualified individuals will be able to have pathways cleared of snow and debris, receive help sending mail and other correspondence-related activities, and receive assistance participating in recreational and other community activities.

Other new support services will allow consumers to receive training to better do things independently. They can receive training to manage their own personal care assistants. They may also receive personal emergency response systems (PERS) if needed.
Michael Beers, Summit’s Youth Coordinator, was selected as one of the Missoulian’s 20 Under 40: Honoring Young Western Montanans Making a Difference.

Congratulations Michael!

Read the Missoulian's whole story at:

http://bit.ly/1l1cmDN

“You came out of high school with the same degree as everybody else, but you did it in such a different way and have such an ability to adapt.”

– Michael Beers
Welcome Summit’s Newest Independent Living Specialist

Lynae West

Kalispell’s newest IL Specialist went to college in Anchorage, Alaska.

She has a husband with whom she enjoys gardening, kayaking and playing with her dog and parrot!

She’s excited to be working at Summit, and is ready to get going in the Flathead.

Welcome to the team Lynae!

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newsletter.summitilc.org
for more ads

Vestil 1000lb capacity lift, model #ehlt-6678-1-43 operates on 115V, rain proof operation controller, 36 inch lift height, 2 removable rails, hinged ramp for easy loading/unloading, hardly used. $3700 OBO. Call 531-8588.


Permobil C300 Wheelchair. Full-featured-power-lift, footrest, backrest, vertical lift, Bluetooth, Omni-control module, enhanced steering, removable tray, E-Z lock (vehicle mount), Roho cushion. $2000 OBO. Call Theresa at 251-6450.

3-wheel 2012 scooter. Street legal, turn signals, headlights, tail lights, basket on rear behind seat. Goes approximately 18 mph. Rechargeable battery. $1500. Call Larry Williams at (406) 882-4192 for more information.

2011 Pride Victory 10 Scooter. 3-wheeled, blue. Includes cover and battery charger. $550 OBO. Call John at 543-5360.

Two bedroom accessible apartment in Missoula. $675/mo inc. most utilities + cable, electricity not included. Private laundry - renter must provide washer/dryer. Call Darla at 493-9136 for more info.


Have something you want to sell or give away or are you looking for a hard-to-find piece of equipment?

If so, list it here by contacting Justice Ender at (406) 728-1630 or email justice@summitilc.org.

Or, list and find those hard-to-find items on the MonTECH item exchange website at:
http://montech.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/mtdb/
Let's put some Glam in our Camping!

Glamping is a way to experience the great outdoors without having to rough it too much. I want heat. I want light. I do not want to sleep on the cold, hard ground with the bugs and the bears. There are ADA accessible tent-sites in Montana and that is wonderful. However, some of us need a bit more coverage than a tent has to offer. There is only one ADA accessible yurt in all of Montana and NO PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ACCESSIBLE CABINS!

The Swan yurt is available at Big Arm State Park at Flathead Lake. The yurt is 20-ft wide and 10-ft tall. It is made of a wood lattice frame covered with insulated canvas walls. It has a skylight that opens, screened windows, solid floor and a locking door. According to Shelley Juvan, ADA Access Coordinator for Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, it has an asphalt path along with an ADA-compliant latrine next door. The shower house at Big Arm is also ADA accessible.

For only $45 per night, May through September, it is a really great deal. You only need to bring bedding, cooking utensils, personal toiletries, a flashlight and a container for water. A pet is allowed, but must be on a leash.

You can make a reservation and find more information online (Search: Big Arm State Park) or call 1-855-922-6768.

Oregon seems to be at the forefront of improving visitability to its state parks and can serve as a model for other states. Fourteen Oregon Parks have yurts and cabins, fully ADA accessible, available to campers with disabilities. They use the terms “rustic” and “deluxe” to distinguish between simpler units (rustic) and larger, more elaborate units (deluxe). Probably the most important difference is that in all cases, “deluxe” units include kitchen facilities and a bathroom with shower. Costs vary. A Deluxe cabin (max of four persons) will cost $80-$90 per night--affordable if you consider that each person would pay only $20 per night for luxury glamping!

Oregon's rustic yurts cost much less--in the $20-$40 per night range. Very reasonable and still comfortable but without the frills! Bathrooms and showers are in a separate building, but they are wheelchair accessible.

You can make reservations and find more information online (Search: Oregon State Parks) or call 1-800-452-5687, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.
Congratulations to Missoula Valley People First!

Winners of the Missoula Kiwanis Club award for ticket sales
We hope you enjoyed your prize money and pizza party!

APRIL- Associated Programs of Rural Independent Living
www.april-rural.org

Is looking for youth ages 16-25 to design a t-shirt for their 2014 APRIL Youth Conference!

Guidelines: Comic Book Theme or Super Hero Theme

Deadline: July 30, 2014

Email entries to: SGlick@disabilitylink.org

Entries must be in JPEG format!

Are you interested in being part of a group and/or online forum with other parents who have children with disabilities?

There is much to be learned from each other!

If you are interested in forming a group, please call Betsy at 728-1630 x110
ADA - MISSOULA COMMUNITY PICNIC
July 15, 4-7 P.M. at McCormick Park
Bring a dish to share and personal water bottle
Celebrate the 24th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act!
Preview with Silver the Raccoon the upcoming:
Silver Summit Park - A Playground for Everyone
Missoula Adaptive Bike Clinic and Outdoor Activities
10 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Call Summit ILC with questions 728-1630

Summit Independent Living Center would like to thank:

COLD STONE CREAMERY

For donations and other efforts benefiting our organization.

Remember to visit:

Cold Stone Creamery in Missoula
Every Third Tuesday of the month
4 to 7 P.M.

to help Summit ILC and get great ice cream!

Remember, you can always sign up for the electronic newsletter by contacting: missoula@summitilc.org