WHY MEDICAID MATTERS by Travis Hoffman

For thousands of people with disabilities and older Montanans, Medicaid is not simply a social safety net; it is a lifeline and primary means of survival. It is a program that can allow an individual to live as independently as possible.

Without Medicaid, many people would not be able go to work to better their own lives and work their way off of government assistance. Worse, they could be unnecessarily forced into a nursing home or other institutionalized care setting. Many people with disabilities need Medicaid so they can stay in real homes instead of nursing homes. Some need it to assist in paying for equipment and services so they can get dressed, eat a meal or even use the bathroom. It is a program that can allow individuals the opportunity to have lives and remain active in their communities. With it, people can use their abilities to get jobs or go to school. They can work their way out of poverty and towards self-sufficiency instead of being forced to remain living in destitution.

On September 21, 2011, thousands of people with disabilities, seniors, family members, direct care workers and other allies gathered on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., and around the country, to fight the federal attack on Medicaid in “My Medicaid Matters” rallies. The rallies were intended to bring attention to the federal budget crisis’ potential to create a recipe for disaster for Medicaid recipients and to send the message to Congress, and their newly appointed “Super Committee” tasked with finding $1.5 trillion in debt reduction, that Medicaid needs to be protected and

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improved, not slashed and burned.

Here in Montana, corresponding rallies were held at several of the offices of Sen. Max Baucus. In Missoula, approximately 35 people gathered to talk with Jennifer Ewan, Sen. Baucus’ Missoula field representative, and to deliver a letter from the Missoula Coalition for Disability Rights telling Sen. Baucus that Medicaid matters to thousands of Montanans. They urged him to fight to protect and improve the program during the “Super Committee’s” budget negotiations.

As a member of Congress’s “Super Committee,” Sen. Baucus will be making critical decisions that could significantly impact the lives of Medicaid recipients, their families and support workers. He is in a powerful position to stand up for lower- and middle-class families by defending Medicaid, and Medicare, against drastic and unnecessary cuts.

Instead of arbitrary cuts, pushing for program reforms to make them more efficient by expanding the use of community-based services and consumer-directed service options, and reorganizing services to eliminate wasteful bureaucracy, would be of benefit to all Americans.

Montana, and all of America, needs real Medicaid reforms that respect the dignity and civil rights of seniors, people with disabilities and anyone who relies on Medicaid as a lifeline. Solely making across-the-board cuts to vital services in an attempt to achieve savings is not a solution, nor will it likely have the desired long-term effect of reducing Medicaid costs.
Sierra by Sierra Lode

My name is Sierra Lode. I am 27 years old and I have cerebral palsy. For me communication is a huge struggle; I am unable to speak. Luckily I have a computer that assists me. I am able to look at it and type what I am thinking. This is very helpful with school and everyday things. It does almost anything...I’m even able to text on it. Interestingly enough, I wrote this article with it.

Currently I am attending the University of Montana College of Technology in Missoula. I have been in school for five years and am pursuing an associate’s degree in general studies with an emphasis on communication. Poetry was my favorite class - I enjoyed being able to express my feelings and ideas. I like using poetry to show others how I feel. My disability allows for extra time and other accommodations for school. Depending on the course there are different alterations that need to be made. One of my math teachers even took the time to come to my house. It was a huge help. Vocational Rehabilitation helps with the costs of school.

I am presently living by myself. I’m very thankful for my parents because without them none of this would be possible. They have been amazing during the whole process of helping me find a place, furniture and roommates. As far as roommates go it’s important to me to have someone who is considerate and dependable. It is sometimes frustrating trying to find a roommate; I’ve gone through five of them in three years. But waiting until the right one comes along will definitely be worth it.

I had the opportunity to go to the Montana Youth Leadership Forum (MYLF) when I was sixteen. MYLF is a five-day leadership program for young people with disabilities. It was such a great experience. I learned a lot about leadership and social skills. MYLF helped me discover who I was and where I wanted to go in life. It also inspired me to become a part of my culture. It opened my eyes to the fact that I am not alone in anything I do - there are many people who share my struggles.

I want every young person who has any sort of disability to know that they are not in it alone. Personally my biggest challenge has been acknowledging that I struggle with depression. Depression is debilitating and often hard a hard thing to recognize within one’s self. Because of this I have become an advocate for disabled youth and their struggle with depression. Above all I feel it is important that these kids know that depression is not something they should be ashamed of. The first step towards fixing a problem is being aware of it, before it manifests into something more severe. I was given a chance to instigate a subcommittee on the Montana Transition Training, Information and Resource Center Advisory Council that focuses on depression in young people with disabilities. This has allowed me to speak out about the things I believe in, and hopefully educate other young people with disabilities as I go along.

Read about Sierra and other Emerging Leaders at:
http://ruralinstitute.umt.edu/transition/EmergingLeaders.asp
Flathead County Update

Flathead County Peer Advocates provided a Disability Awareness Presentation to an MSU nursing class in Kalispell on September 13; this was a first-time presentation for some of our peers and they did a great job. A Men’s Support Group is meeting the third Monday of every month at 6:30 PM in the United Way conference room at Gateway Community Center; this group is led by Rich Heitz. A Living Well with a Disability Workshop begins October 4 and another workshop will be scheduled to begin in January; workshops are taught by peers Rick Heitz and Claudette Byrd-Rinck. Please call the office at 257-0048 if you would like to participate in any of our groups, or if you have a suggestion for a new group you would like to see started.

Summit’s Flathead Rustic Retreat in August was a great success. We had beautiful weather and 21 people stayed overnight. Saturday was filled with summer camp adventures; paddle boats and canoeing in the lagoon, swimming in the lake, Yoga class with Linda Miller, great food and an evening campfire on the beach complete with sticky s’mores. Sunday began with a great breakfast and an inspirational Sunday morning discussion on the beach with Rick Heitz. Then everyone had an opportunity to play in the lake one more time and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. It was summer camp déjà vu again when it came time to leave, as many were reluctant to go home. Thanks go to the Flathead Peer Advocates who put in a tremendous amount of effort in making our retreat a success. Also thanks to Linda Miller for providing us with a wonderful Yoga experience at the lake. We all look forward to our next retreat and hope you will come next time!

Our next social event is coming December 3 2:00 to 4:00 PM. We will be having a Murder Mystery called Ho, Ho, Homicide. What part would you like to play? An elf, a reindeer, or maybe the postman? You must RSVP to receive one of the main character roles, but everyone will play a part. Get ready to have a hilarious good time!

Flo Kiewel, Flathead County Coordinator
Missoula County Update

Summer Barbeque at Bonner Park About 150 people with disabilities, our friends and family joined us on a Wednesday night to share in a potluck, catch up on each other’s news, play games and listen to the Missoula Community Band.

National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) Lorna and Jude participated in the NCIL conference with people with disabilities, staff and board from other centers for independent living across the states. Fact: Did you know that there are over 400 centers for independent living in the United States?

Montana Youth Leadership Forum (MYLF) Mike Beers, Mary Olson and Cara Wherley were co-leaders in the MYLF in Helena this summer. Fact: Did you know that high school juniors and seniors with disabilities gather in many states for leadership training?

Missoula Summer School Darren Larson, Cara Wherley, Justyn Field and Jude Monson facilitated a four session class at Big Sky High School for about 15 students with disabilities.

Montana Independent Living Symposium Two-hundred Montanans with disabilities gathered in Helena to discuss the important and common concerns of people with disabilities in our state.

Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living APRIL’s Peer to Peer program has been co-developed by Mike Beers, Mary Olson and other national youth leaders. Mike and Mary were in Portland in September to assist a Center for Independent Living with developing their youth program.

Montana Association for Rehabilitation Conference The Rehabilitation conference at Fairmont Hot Springs was attended by 100 vocational professionals from around the state. Travis Hoffman received the President’s Award for his work in the development, education, advocacy and lobbying for the Medicaid Workers with Disabilities (MWD) program. Justyn Field ran a booth on MWD. Working and Aging with a disability was co-presented by Jude Monson, Colleen Baldwin of Missoula Aging Services and Scott Birkenbuel from the Montana Independent Living Project.

National Comedian Mike Beers spent a week in Las Vegas for the Comedy Week Gathering. He made new connections and will be traveling to a venue near you as well as locales far, far away!

Fall and Winter Events

Missoula Valley People First/ AKtion Club continues to meet on Wednesdays at 4:00. Join Andrea Dahl, Connie Lewis and members to hear more about their activities. They have a fundraiser through Herberger’s to sell coupons for $5.00 for purchase on November 11 & 12.

Class for Young Adults Mary Olson, Leanne Beers, Steve Beers, Mike Beers, Cara Wherley and Jude Monson will be starting a class for people with disabilities ages 18-25 who want to learn and practice social and safety skills in the community. Call Mary or Kathy to sign up for this class.

Jude Monson, Program Manager

Halloween Party

When: Friday, October 28
3:00-6:00 p.m.
Where: 700 SW Higgins
What: Costume Party and lots of spooky and thrilling times
Ravalli County Update

Joanne Verwolf is doing very well after having a total hip replacement and we all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her return to the office.

The Picnic at Lake Como was a huge success. We had a total of 45 people and a good time was had by all. Even the weather cooperated with beautiful sunshine, and just as we were ready to clean up it began to rain. The Independent Living Symposium in Helena from August 22 to the 24 was very informative and the outing to Gates of the Mountain made it even more enjoyable. We are busy organizing the next social activity which is a Harvest Dance on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The band “The Montana Kids” will be playing, so give us a call at 363-5242 if you would like to join us. In an effort to reduce isolation for individuals with disabilities and give them the opportunity to join others in a variety of different activities, the Ravalli County Peer Advocates are starting a “Can Do Club.” Give the office a call at 363-5242 if you have ideas for activities, or would like to join this group.

The Bitterroot Valley People First Aktion Club had a really busy summer. They attended the Summit picnic at Como Lake in July. Also in July they helped out at the Kiwanis pancake breakfast for Daly Days, worked an aid station for the Land Trust Bike Tour, and had a picnic for prospective new members. In August, besides the regular meetings, there was a fun shopping trip to Missoula with lunch at Fort Missoula. People First members are planning to help the Summit Peer Advocates with the Harvest Dance on October 15 and are hoping to attend a Halloween party.

Elizabeth Varnum, IL Specialist

Sanders County Update

On August 18 we had 20 people attend Summit’s second Outdoor Accessible Recreation Rendezvous at Pilgrim Creek Park in Noxon. There was a BBQ lunch and we had a demonstration of accessible fishing, wildlife viewing and other outdoor tech by Montana Access To Outdoor Recreation. There were also learning session about the services and supports provided by Summit, Sanders County United for Disabilities (SCUD), AVISTA Corp. and MonTECH.

There aren’t currently any social events planned for Sanders County, but if anyone has ideas or wants to help volunteer to do one, please contact Susan Morris at smorris@summitilc.org or call Summit at 728-1630.

Susan Morris, Outreach Specialist

Lake County Update

We had some people travel to the Aug. 18 Rendezvous in Noxon and they had a great time. We also went to the Independent Living Symposium in Helena, where our voices got loud and proud! At the Symposium we discussed a variety of concerns, from transportation and housing to healthcare and Native American issues.

Michelle Williamson, Lake County Co-Coordinator

Check out KSKC-Public TV’s conversation with Summit’s Michelle Williamson!

http://delalunafoundation.org/viewpoint/?p=112
The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program has been changed!

On March 1, 2011 DPHHS sent out a brochure detailing updates to SNAP, a program designed to help people afford healthy food.

Here are a few highlights from that brochure.

To qualify for SNAP, you need to meet two income guidelines (Effective Sept. 1, 2010 through Sept. 30, 2011):

1. The first step is meeting the Gross Guideline. If you meet this guideline, turn in an application to see if you also meet the Net Guideline.

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*Households with a previously disqualified member will need to meet a lower Gross Income Limit.

2. When you apply, your case worker will deduct a portion of your living expenses from your income to see if you meet the Net Guideline. Your Net Income for SNAP cannot be calculated until you submit an application.

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To apply:

- You can apply at any Office of Public Assistance (OPA).
- Apply online at www.app.mt.gov/mtc.
- Mail or fax your application to the OPA.
- Application can be printed at http://dphhs.mt.gov/publicassistance/hcs250.pdg
- You can call the OPA and ask if you qualify for a telephone interview.
- You can have another adult apply on your behalf.

Not sure if you want to apply?

Complete the easy and confidential pre-screening tool:
www.app.mt.gov/mtc

When you have your interview you will need to bring:

- Personal identification (such as driver’s license, library card, Medicare care or doctor’s bill)
- Social Security numbers for everyone for whom you are applying (actual card usually not required)
- Proof of your rent and utility expenses (such as bills, receipts, lease agreement or mortgage)
- Proof of your income (such as pay stubs or verification of Social Security, Disability, unemployment benefits, etc.)

For more information, please contact the Montana Food Bank Network
Phone: 1 (800) 809-4752
E-mail: snap@mfbn.org

Accessible Hunting: Waterfowl and Big Game

ARCHERY SEASON FOR DEER AND ELK

Duck Season
SEPT. 30, 2011 - OCT. 30, 2011

Wheelchair-accessible waterfowl and big game hunting is available south of Lolo, Montana. The privately owned Sapphire Ranch, in conjunction with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks’ Special Access Program, has made this experience possible.

To hunt duck blinds, call Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks at (406) 542-5500 to make a reservation for the day you wish to hunt. You must be accompanied by an able-bodied person who may also hunt.

The private ranch offers two waterfowl blinds: one overlooking a slough that is a magnet for various wildlife. The second blind is on the Bitterroot River backwater.

Deer and elk hunting are also available. A custom lift takes you and your partner up to 12’ to provide you the same tactical advantage of tree-stand hunters. The first hunter on opening day in 2010 saw over 80 elk.
Youth Updates

Building Advocacy and Learning Leadership Skills
Currently we are teaching the BALLS class at Sentinel High School in Missoula to Laura Coulter’s class. We are also planning to go into Stevensville and Hellgate High Schools later this fall.

APRIL Peer to Peer Project
Mary Olson (Peer Coordinator) and Michael Beers, Transition Coordinator, will be traveling to the APRIL (Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living) Conference in Anchorage, Alaska to help facilitate the annual Youth pre-conference as well as host a break out session for the main conference. The session will be about the APRIL Youth Peer to Peer Project. This project places Centers for Independent Living (CIL) who want to serve youth better, with mentors from all across the country who have experience working with youth in transition. Summit has collaborated with APRIL on this project since its beginning, and Mary Olson and Michael Beers have mentored two CILs—one in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2010 and the other in Portland, Oregon in September of this year.

Disability Mentoring Day
For the second year in a row, Summit will help coordinate Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) in our service region on Wednesday, October 19. DMD is an opportunity for Young people with disabilities ages 14-28 to be set up with a job shadow in the career/job of their choice. We have received over 40 applications from the Missoula area. We are in the process of placing students with mentors in fields ranging from teaching and law enforcement, to food preparation and nursing. If you know any professionals that would like to mentor a young person on this day in Missoula, please contact Michael Beers or Mary Olson at the Missoula office, 728-1630, or Mary Millin in the Hamilton office, 363-5242.

MYTransitions conference
The MYTransitions Project’s Fourth Annual Transition Conference will take place November 9-11 in Great Falls at the Best Western Heritage Inn. This conference will address the transition needs of students with disabilities from high school to the next steps of their life. It also will give students, parents and teachers a chance to network with one another while learning what services and resources exist in their area to help them transition with success.

If you have questions or would like to attend this conference you can find a registration form on the MY Transition’s website http://www.montanayouthtransitions.org/ or call June Hermanson at 442-2576.

YODA: Youth Opening Doors through Advocacy Update
Summer was a busy time for the Missoula YODA group. Most of our gatherings were spent outside in the beautiful warm weather. On July 28 we had a picnic lunch at McCormick Park with the MS Support Group. There were 12 YODA members there, including four Peer Advocates and an MS support group member. We had great food, played around with water guns and tried to feed a gaggle of geese bread that they did not eat.

On August 15 we had our annual fishing trip in the Bitteroot. We had 18 people travel to fish. Seven were YODA members. The weather was great. We started off the day with Montech’s Chris Clasby and Brenden Dalin giving us a demonstration on the accessible equipment. After that we stuffed ourselves at a BBQ with hamburgers and hotdogs, salads, chips and desserts. When everyone was done eating we spent the rest of the day fishing in my Grandparent’s pond. Everyone caught a fish. Sadly, we didn’t catch any big rainbow trout and only caught perch. Fun was had by all.

In September, the YODA members who were in high school and lower grades got a fabulous opportunity to go to a Griz football game. We were sponsored by Griz Kids. Seven YODA members went to the first home game of the season on September 10. The weather was beautiful. We met in front of the Recreational Center, where I handed out t-shirts, hats and tickets. The game was exciting and the youth had a blast! It was topped off with a win for the Griz with a score of Montana 37, Cal Poly 23. A big thank you to Griz Kids and all they do to make Griz football accessible to all Missoula youth.

On Sep. 27 we met at Summit. We took a national survey about self-advocacy put out by SABE (Self Advocates Becoming Empowered). I hope this will get our members thinking about a social advocacy issue that we can work on this year. As always their was plenty of food to eat. We will have a Halloween Party in October--stay tuned for more details.

Also, be sure to follow YODA on Facebook to keep in the loop! We are currently working on several projects, including co-sponsoring some work with the Alliance for Disability and Students at the University of Montana!

Cara Wherley, Youth Specialist

Mike Beers, Youth Coordinator

Check out our fishing trip video! http://www.youtube.com/summitilc
Advocacy in Action!

Accomplishing access can require different solutions. Sometimes it means building an elevator so everyone can get to each floor in a mall. Sometimes it means installing microphone systems in a theater so people with listening systems can hear every line of a play. And sometimes it just means rearranging some tables so all students can eat lunch in a cafeteria.

That’s where Sentinel High student Selah Pesanti comes in. She is a peer tutor in teacher Laura Coulter’s Independent Living class.

After listening to a history presentation on the Americans with Disabilities Act from Summit’s Mike Beers and Mary Olson, Coulter’s class went outside into the school’s courtyard.

There, Coulter asked her students to examine the space and think about how they would get around if they were using a wheelchair. In visualizing wheelchair travel, several students noticed potential problem areas: a lack of ramps leading outside from the cafeteria, potential crowding by external doors and the inability of someone using a chair to be in the lunch line because of table placement.

“One senior peer tutor, after class, decided to go talk with our principle in regards to the layout of our cafeteria,” Coulter said. “She asked if we could make changes to make it more ADA and user-friendly and safe.”

Sentinel’s principle was supportive, and asked her to do research on necessary dimensions and find pictures to come up with a solution.

So, the tutor, Selah Pesanti, started working on a plan to rearrange the cafeteria.

“I think if we got a team together we could make some changes in the cafeteria we could make it a more fun, friendly atmosphere in there,” Pesanti said. “And I think a lot more people would enjoy being in there.”

After her research is over and the redesign of the cafeteria is complete, Pesanti said she isn’t sure whether she and the other students in the class will start another project to keep making the cafeteria more user-friendly.

“Maybe. We talked about making one of the [outside] entrances into the cafeteria a ramp, because there are no ramps going into the cafeteria,” she said.

But IL teacher Laura Coulter is confident that her students will keep finding and fixing barriers around the school.

“Everybody is quite excited that we might be able to make some changes for the good. Not just for our own class, but for the whole school: faculty, staff, students—everybody,” Coulter said. “This is just the beginning. This is just the seed that was planted thanks to Mike and Mary from Summit Independent Living Center and we’ll see where it’s going to go.”
What is the Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities program?

Montana provides Medicaid coverage to working individuals with disabilities who, because of their earnings or resources, cannot qualify for Medicaid under other laws or programs.

Under the Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities program, people with disabilities can go or return to work and earn more money without losing their healthcare coverage through the Medicaid program because they can now “buy-in” to the program with a cost-share that is based on a sliding fee scale according to an individuals income.

Who is Eligible for MWD?

To be eligible for the Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities program, an individual must:

* Meet all non-financial eligibility criteria for Medicaid
* Currently be considered disabled by Social Security Act criteria, or would be considered disabled if not for current work activities
* Be age 16 or older
* Be employed (including self-employment) full or part time (i.e., are subject to FICA taxes)
* Be within resource limitations of the MWD program
* Have monthly countable family income at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
* Not be residing in a residential medical institution
* Pay a monthly cost share fee based on income of the worker(s) with disabilities only

Income Limits for MWD

To be eligible for the MWD program, your countable family income can not exceed 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

2011 Monthly Income Limits:
* Individual -- $2269/month* * Couple --$3065/month*  
*These amounts are “countable income,” not gross income.

If eligibility is determined, MWD benefits will only be issued after the Department receives and processes any cost-sharing payments that may be due.

Resource Limits for MWD

The resource limits for the MWD program are greater than they are for SSI and other Medicaid eligibility categories. To meet the resource limit criteria, household resources must be within the MWD resource limits at some point during the benefit month for the worker with disabilities to qualify for this program.

Resource Limits:
* Individual --$8,000* *Couple -- $12,000*

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How to Apply for MWD

To apply for the program or to see if you qualify you have the following options:

* You can contact your local Office of Public Assistance;
* You may also apply for Medicaid by mailing an application. You can print an application at the Public Assistance website: http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/programsservices/publicassistanceprograms.shtml#medicaid
* Or, you can apply online using the Montana Connections website: https://app.mt.gov/mtc/apply/index.html

Have more questions about Montana’s Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities program?

Contact Justyn Field at Summit: jfield@summitilc.org or (406) 728-1630

Also, be sure to visit Summit’s MWD informational webpage: www.summitilc.org/mwd.html

Please come to Summit’s free public informational Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities presentations!

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**Opinions from the Cheap Seats**

First, I would like thank everyone.

Through discussion, I received a lot of suggestions for column topics. The overwhelming favorite was to have me find accessible bars around Missoula. After much deliberation, I decided I am too old to do the research on that particular subject.

However, if someone has their own list of accessible venues, whether they be bars, restaurants or other places to go for socializing, Summit would be happy to print that list.

Instead, I will be discussing nutrition and exercise. A solid exercise and nutrition program will offer you benefits to your life and keep your body providing the best function possible.

Every hour our bodies replace over a billion cells. People with disabilities have a strong motivation to provide the best fuel possible. As you can probably guess; chips, fries, doughnuts and soda provide little and should be ingested at a minimum. We don’t need to put fuel in our system which doesn’t contribute to our overall health and cause our bodies to do additional work.

Another factor people with disabilities share is that we must regulate our energy. A proper diet is, once you understand your body’s needs, a no brainier. Exercise, though, can be done improperly and deplete your energy. If done correctly, exercise will give you additional energy. You have to determine what works for you.

Most experts agree that you need to exercise three times a week for 20 minutes. These 20 minutes can be a combination of four 5-minute sessions of exercise, two 10-minute sessions or even 20 continuous minutes.

My workout consists of three elements; cardiovascular (biking or walking), stretching and strength training. The exercise I devote the least time to in my workout is strength training or lifting weights. However, because muscle metabolizes food ten times more efficiently than non-muscle, it is still important to maintain a base of strong muscle. That said, getting my blood pumping by doing cardiovascular workouts, followed by a good stretch is the most important workout I do.

Please send your own knowledge and column ideas in!

Tom Thompson can be emailed at tomskilaw@gmail.com

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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 Travis Hoffman at (406) 728-1630.

Or, list and find those hard-to-find items on the Montech item exchange website at:

http://montech.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/mtdb/

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**This October, Summit Turned 30!**

We started as a department of Community Medical Center in 1981, and have since grown to a freestanding, nonprofit corporation governed by a consumer-controlled board of directors.

Summit has seen the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Road to Freedom Campaign and the implementation of the Montana Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities program along with many other advocacy milestones.

So please, celebrate our anniversary with us!

Watch for upcoming events to commemorate Summit’s 30 years of advocacy and service to Western Montana’s disability community--we are here to serve you!
Upcoming Events

For More Information About Any Of These Events, Please Contact Summit at 406-728-1630

Harvest Dance
October 15
7:00 - 9:00
Hamilton, MT

Disability Mentoring Day
October 19
Western Montana

Halloween Party
October 28
3:00 - 6:00
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Hamilton, MT

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Harvest Dance
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7:00 - 9:00
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