Summit is proud to support the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 31st Anniversary. July 26th will mark the 31st Anniversary of this important civil rights law that works to ensure all people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else.

The movement to prevent discrimination against those with disabilities based on disability alone began in the US in the 1960s when the better-known racial civil rights movement was underway. In 1968 the Architectural Barriers Act mandated that all buildings and facilities designed, constructed, or altered with federal funds must comply with federal physical accessibility standards. A few years later, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 expanded that by mandating that no qualified person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or discriminated against based on disability by any program or activity receiving federal funds.

Other laws have been passed over the years improving disability inclusion, but the ADA was the first law that expanded the protection of disabilities to all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places open to the general public. It’s hard to believe 31 years have passed since then, ADA amendments have occurred to specify its application, and change has mostly been positive. Still, however, people often wonder why compliance issues still exist after three decades. How are you planning to celebrate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 31st Anniversary?

Join Summit and the disability community to celebrate this progress by attending several public events as follows:

- **Monday, July 12, 2021: ADA Picnic & Adaptive Recreation Clinic** at the Meadowlark Shelter of Fort Missoula Regional Park. Come see and try lots of adaptive recreation equipment all day starting at 9 AM and then join us for friends, food, and fun at 11 AM.

- **Wednesday, July 28, 2021: Out to Lunch**: Come to Caras Park for lunch and entertainment 11 AM-2 PM. Summit is sponsoring this event.
July 12, 2021
Fort Missoula Regional Park
Meadowlark Shelter
(off of South Ave., just past Community Hospital)

Food and Drinks Are Provided
Frisbee Golf Course and Other Games

ADA Picnic
11:00am - 1:00pm

Adaptive Recreation Clinic
9:00am - 5:00pm

Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic
Links to reliable information related to COVID-19

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
https://www.coronavirus.gov

World Health Organization:
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services:
https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/covid

Social Security and COVID-19:
https://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus/

The ADA and Face Mask Policies:

Your Local County or Tribal Health Department:
https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/FCSS/countytribalhealthdepts
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A career with Summit is just an application away. Summit currently has four job openings in the Missoula area.

- Development and Community Outreach Director
- Administrative Assistant
- Accounting Assistant

To apply or to learn more about employment opportunities please visit: [www.summitilc.org/about/employment/](http://www.summitilc.org/about/employment/) or call: (406) 728-1630.

Senior Companion Program

The Senior Corps Program at Missoula Aging Services is an alliance of hundreds of volunteers in Missoula County who are improving our community as Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions or RSVP volunteers. They use a lifetime of experience to help solve critical problems in the areas of education, human needs (at risk-youth, homeless families, etc.) environment, veteran's and public safety.

The Senior Companion Program offers income eligible people age 55 and older the opportunity to provide supportive person-to-person services to assist older adults and adults with disabilities remain independent and promote increased quality of life. Senior Companions may also provide much needed respite for families or caregivers who may have the responsibility of 24 hour a care. Senior Companions volunteer a minimum of 15 hours weekly in a variety of settings.

If you are interested in being a Senior Companion or learning more about receiving services from a Senior companion contact: Donna Graham, @ 406-728-1630 x116.
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Summit continues to provide independent living services by phone, email, and virtual means since we have not yet opened our offices to the public. We are monitoring COVID-19 activities in our local communities closely but are proceeding slowly with plans to gradually reopen our offices out of an abundance of caution. Many of Summit’s staff members are at elevated risk for Covid-19, as are the individuals with disabilities who we serve.

We are happy to announce that Summit has received grant funding through the CARES Act to provide additional independent living services to people with disabilities in our service area who have been impacted by COVID-19. These services include access to affordable and accessible housing, transitioning from institutions or nursing homes into the community, access to necessary technology, improving safety and independence, and access to PPE...

For more information or questions regarding eligibility, contact your local Summit office in Missoula, Hamilton, Ronan or Hamilton.Visit www.summitilc.org/contact for local Summit office contact information.

Summit Virtual Social Security Orientation Schedule 2021

If you need assistance applying for disability benefits, we ask that you take part in a Social Security orientation prior to scheduling your appointment.

Orientations are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

**2nd Thursday Monthly**

Meeting URL: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89388805948?pwd=Zy91QjduVEVhUlkxWmZUcTZKYHpoUT09

Join by phone: 1 (669) 900-9128
Meeting ID: 893 8880 5948
Passcode: 705752

For more information please go to www.summitilc.org or call your local office.
Missoula: 406-728-1630
Ronan: 406-215-1604

**4th Thursday Monthly**

Meeting URL: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86789824245?pwd=RkwzYNM1RU9pdC9ob2wyb2xmTVI1dz09

Join by phone: 1 (253) 215-8782
Meeting ID: 867 8982 4245
Passcode: 165841

Missoula: 406-728-1630
Hamilton: 406-363-5242
Ronan: 406-215-1604
Kalispell: 406-257-0048
Summit in Kalispell would like to pay tribute to a great man, mentor, and colleague.

Leore “Leo” Paul Kanning  
Jan 9, 1934 - May 12, 2021

Leo was born in Plentywood, MT. Losing his hearing at a young age, Leo attended the Montana School for the Deaf & Blind in Great Falls in the early 1940s. He was raised on the family wheat farm in Sheridan County until 1945. The family then moved to a wheat farm in Toole County. After obtaining his GED, he attended Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., where he graduated with a Masters in Deaf Education degree.

He taught deaf students in Arkansas, New Mexico and Idaho Schools for the Deaf before moving to the Flathead Valley to retire where he taught American Sign Language (ASL) part-time at Flathead Valley Community College. He was also a Peer Advocate with Summit Independent Living for 28 years, between 1986 and 2014. He taught sign language classes through Summit as well.

Leo enjoyed photography, reading, and was an avid bowler, for which he traveled all over the Western states. He could often be seen biking around town on his laid-back, reclining bicycle. Leo was very involved with the deaf community. He was a member of the Deaf Lutheran Church, Montana Association of the Deaf, and other recreational clubs. He was happy to converse with anyone who had a basic understanding of sign language, and always carried a pad and pen in his shirt pocket ready to write notes when needed.

Later in life he was able to check off a bucket list trip to Hawaii and attended a Gallaudet Alumni Reunion in Washington, D.C.

Leo impacted many, and broke down barriers for people who are deaf by teaching sign language to those surrounding them. He was a helpful, patient, and determined instructor, using a whiteboard only on the first few minutes of instruction, after that, it was all sign language. He would incorporate a few “Montana Signs” into the classes that he taught. The smile on his face when a student got it right was priceless.
BASE stands for home base, like in hide and go seek. In life, you have to establish a BASE first, that's where we come in.

BASE Virtual Activities

*BASE virtual programming closed April 5-April 9, 2021 while planning spring activities.

Monday, April 12 CHEW cooking class from 1pm to 3pm. Cooking healthy French toast, pancakes, and crepes.

YODA (You Opening Doors through Advocacy)
Tuesdays 4-5:30pm on Zoom

All Abilities Yoga
Wednesdays 4-5pm on Zoom

BASE Wrestling Foundation BWF
1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly 5-6pm
On Zoom and Facebook

Virtual Photography Group
2nd and 4th Wednesday monthly 5pm on ZOOM

BASE Virtual Game Night
Thursday from 2 pm to 4 pm. Join us for Trivia and chatting

BASEment Improv
Thursdays BASEment Improv 5-6:15pm.
Join us for Improv, games, and laughs.

For BASE schedule updates and additional events go to
www.summitilc.org/calendar
or check the BASE Facebook page at
https://www.facebook.com/base725

To get involved or to share ideas of new BASE programs, contact BASE
jhoward@summitilc.org or mbeers@summitilc.org.

To donate go to: https://goo.gl/80NWq7
Fresh Food Box

Summit Independent Living and Missoula Food Bank & Community Center are working collaboratively to make the Fresh Food Box program available to more people with disabilities.

Eligibility requirements:

• must have a physical or mental disability that impacts your ability to live independently;
• live in Missoula
• sign up for Summit service;
• be experiencing challenges to your health, safety, ability to live independently, receive vital services, gain or continue employment, or participate in community activities due to COVID-19;
• be experiencing food insecurity due to lack of income, and
• need home delivery of food due to sheltering in place or lack of transportation/assistance to obtain food in the community.

For more information or to apply please call the Summit office at 406-728-1630 or send an email to missoula@summitilc.org.