DISABILITY COMMUNITY & MEDICAID



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AGENDA



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Disability Rights Montana

What are CILs?

Home & Community Based Services

MT Medicaid for Workers w/ Disabilities

Disability Advocacy Academy

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WHO ARE WE?

We are a coalition of disability advocates and leaders coming together to build a statewide movement for disability rights, leadership, and civic engagement

MISSION

To build a united, statewide voice for disability rights in Montana through cultural awareness, leadership development, civic engagement, and coordinated advocacy

WHAT DO WE DO?

We educate and inform on disability policy because policy is personal—it shapes our transportation, access, healthcare, and education for independent living and employment.

DISABILITY RIGHTS MONTANA

MISSION

Disability Rights Montana's mission is to protect and advocate for the human, legal, and civil rights of Montanans with disabilities while advancing dignity, equality, and self-determination.

CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Centers for Independent Living (CIL) are community-based, nonprofit organizations run by and for people with disabilities that provides services and advocacy to help individuals live independently and fully participate in society.

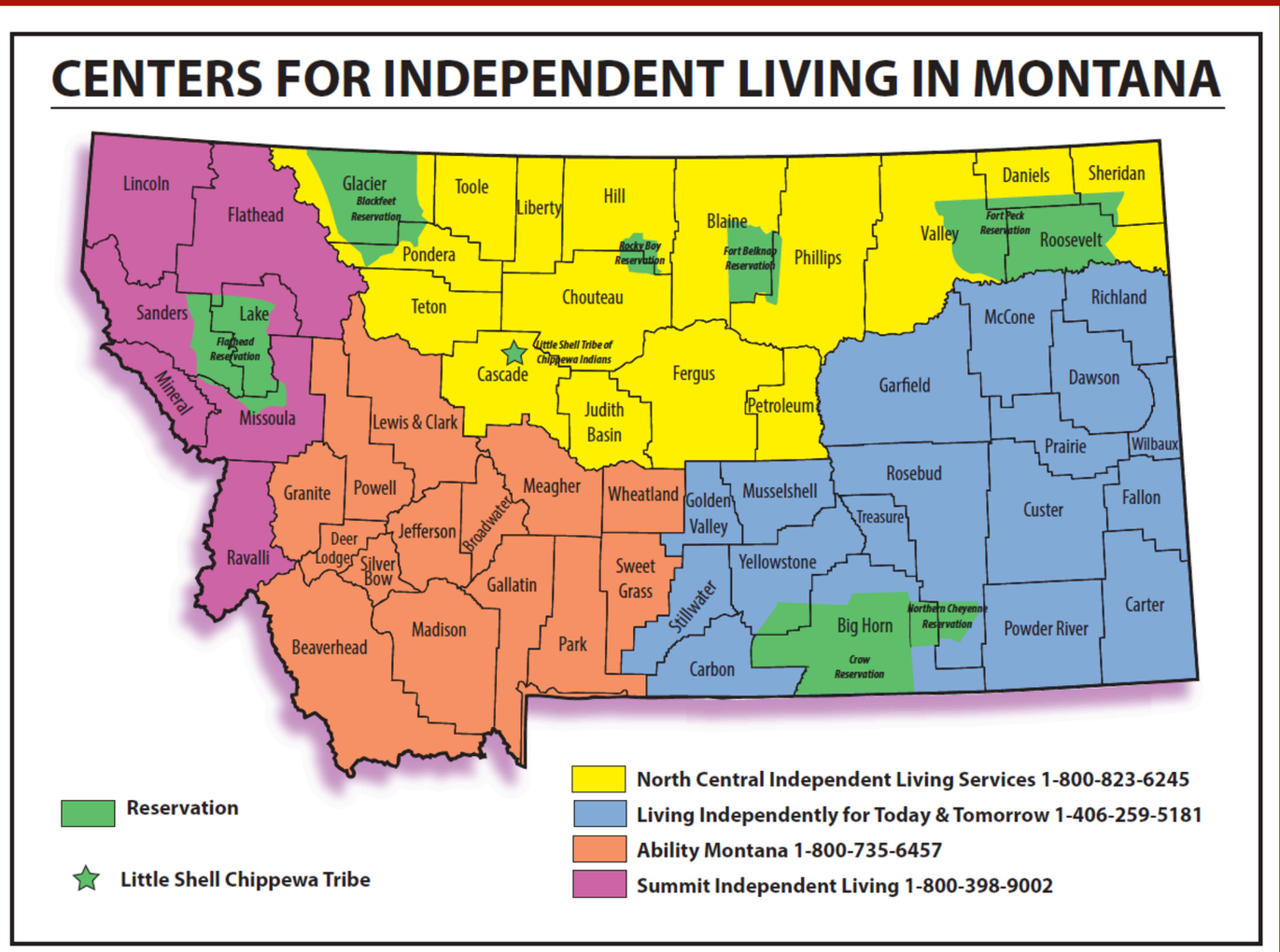
Information & Referral

Advocacy

Peer Support

Transition Services

Independent Living Skills Training



WHY MEDICAID MATTERS

People with Disabilities are:

- Workers
- Parents
- Students
- Community members
- Leaders

Medicaid Provides access to:

- Access to healthcare
- Personal care supports
- Employment supports
- Transportation
- Community-based services

Medicaid is often an important foundation that makes independence possible.

MEDICAID FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES

Montana's Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities (MWD) program allows individuals with disabilities to maintain their Medicaid coverage while working, enabling them to earn income without losing essential healthcare benefits.

Montana Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities



HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

- COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE
- MEDICAID WAIVER SERVICES

  Big Sky Waiver

  Hope (SDMI) Waiver

  0208 Developmental Disability Waiver

  HEART Waiver

  WASP Waiver



MONTANA MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES
MONTANA DPHHS

WHY HCBS MATTERS

Without HCBS

- Increased risk of institutionalization
- Family caregiver burnout
- Reduced employment opportunities
- Reduced community participation

With HCBS

- Greater independence
- Better quality of life
- Increased employment opportunities
- Stronger communities

HCBS is an investment in community living

DISABILITY ADVOCACY
Virtual ACADEMY



Session 1:

Disability Rights 101

with Michael Beers & Nina G

Thursday, August 27 | 6:00pm

Learn the foundations of disability rights, key laws, and how to advocate for equal access and inclusion.

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Session 2:

Navigating the Legislature

Thursday Sept. 24

Fri ept. 25 |

Disco w Mo legislative proce s a ctical ways to influ licy.

9/24-6pm: **25-11am:**

Session 3:

Your Voice Matters: Advocacy in Action

Wed, Oct. 21 | 11am & 6pm

Explore how everyday actions can create meaningful change and build confidence in using your voice to advocate.

11am: **6pm:**

Session 4:

Effective Storytelling

Thursday, Nov. 19 | 11am & 6pm

Learn how to share your personal experiences in a way that educates, inspires, and influences decision-makers.

11am: **6pm:**

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All sessions are on Zoom. Please register

DISABILITY ADVOCACY ACADEMY

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NEXT SESSION:
ADVOCACY IN ACTION
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21ST
11AM & 6PM

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Disability is a civil rights issues
- Independent living means choice and control
- HCBS helps people live in the communities
- Medicaid supports employment and independence
- Advocacy creates systems that work better for everyone

QUESTIONS?

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