

Montana Council on Developmental Disabilities (MCDD) State Plan 2027–2031 - Summary

About This Plan

The Montana Council on Developmental Disabilities (MCDD) created a new 5-year plan.

This plan explains:

- what the Council will work on
- what issues are important
- how the Council will support people with developmental disabilities in Montana

This plan covers the years: 2027–2031

What Is the Council?

The Council helps improve systems, services, and opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

The Council does not run direct services.

Instead, the Council helps by:

- bringing people together
- supporting leadership
- helping solve problems
- improving systems
- supporting partnerships
- sharing information and resources

What Did People Say?

People across Montana shared important concerns.

People said they need:

- housing
- transportation
- employment opportunities
- caregiver support

- easier-to-understand systems
- emergency preparedness
- stronger local services

People also said they want:

- more leadership opportunities
 - more self-advocacy
 - more community participation
 - systems that work better together
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Goal 1 – People Lead and Shape the System

What This Means

People with developmental disabilities should:

- speak for themselves
- help make decisions
- serve on boards and committees
- become leaders in their communities

Examples of Activities

The Council may:

- support self-advocacy groups
- provide leadership training
- support peer mentoring
- expand opportunities in rural, frontier, and Tribal communities

Goal 2 – Living in the Community with Real Access and Choices

What This Means

People should have opportunities to:

- live where they choose
- stay connected to family and community
- access supports and services

- remain safe and stable

Examples of Activities

The Council may support work related to:

- housing
- transportation
- employment
- family supports
- community services
- emergency preparedness

Goal 3 – A System That Works

What This Means

Systems should be:

- easier to understand
- easier to navigate
- better connected
- more responsive to people's needs

Examples of Activities

The Council may:

- improve access to information
- support plain language communication
- bring agencies and organizations together
- improve coordination between systems
- support policy improvements

Focus on Rural, Frontier, and Tribal Communities

Some communities in Montana have fewer resources and services.

The Council may spend extra time and effort supporting:

- rural communities
- frontier communities
- Tribal communities

- areas with fewer local resources

How Will Progress Be Measured?

The Council will track:

- leadership activities
- partnerships
- outreach efforts
- system improvements
- community participation opportunities
- activities in rural, frontier, and Tribal communities

The Council will review the plan and progress every year.

Why This Plan Matters

This plan is based on a simple idea:

When people have opportunities to lead, when communities are strong, and when systems work better, Montana is stronger for everyone.

Public Comment

The Council wants feedback from people across Montana.

You can:

- read the full plan
- share comments
- suggest improvements

Take our survey:

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