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EASTERN MONTANA PROGRAMS WIN GRANTS FROM UM'S MONTECH PROGRAM

MISSOULA --

Independent living centers that serve citizens throughout 23 eastern Montana counties have received grants from The University of Montana's MonTECH Program to help people with disabilities and their families obtain helpful devices.

Grants of \$37,000 each were awarded to Billings-based Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow and to Action for Eastern Montana in Glendive. Both organizations help Montanans with disabilities find, fund and acquire helpful tools and services that enable them to live, learn, work and play more independently.

Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow serves the following counties: Big Horn, Carbon, Garfield, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Petroleum, Rosebud, Stillwater, Treasure and Yellowstone. For more information, call LITT at (406) 259-5181 or, toll-free, (800) 823-6245.

Action for Eastern Montana serves the following counties: Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Valley and Wibaux. For more information, call AEM at (406) 365-3364.

Eastern Montanans will also benefit from MonTECH grants awarded to two statewide organizations: \$37,000 to the Billings-based Parents, Let's Unite for Kids (PLUK); and \$78,900 to the Montana Advocacy Project (MAP).

PLUK is a MonTECH-funded regional access cooperative, providing information on

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adaptive computer systems and high-tech assistive technology services for all Montanans. For more information, call (406) 657-2055 or (800) 222-7585. MAP, based in Helena, assists people throughout Montana who are having difficulties accessing needed assistive technology and services. For more information, call (406) 444-3889 or (800) 245-4743.

MonTECH, a program of UM's Rural Institute on Disabilities, focuses on identifying and filling Montanans' needs for a wide range of assistive technology devices and services -- from computers to wheelchairs, communication devices to access ramps.

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Contact: MonTECH, (406) 243-5656 or (800) 732-0323.

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