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NEWS RELEASE

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TRAINING AVAILABLE TO HELP ELIMINATE PREJUDICE, CONFLICT

MISSOULA —

National Coalition Building Institute workshops are offered at The University of Montana to give students, staff and faculty opportunities to explore issues of equity and diversity and learn effective ways to respond to prejudice and conflict.

The workshops are led by trainers with expertise in tackling divisive issues and building inclusive and welcoming programs.

With encouragement from UM's Diversity Advisory Council and funding from the President's Office, the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, the University Center has contracted with NCBI Missoula to serve as a campus training resource. Information about NCBI workshops is online at <http://www.ncbimissoula.org>.

Subject to specific criteria, funding may be available for presentations to student groups, classes and departments. For more information or to schedule training for a class or campus group, call Jessica Shontz at 243-5082 or e-mail jessica.shontz@mso.umt.edu.

NCBI will offer a Training of Trainers seminar Oct. 9-11. The intensive course is designed for those who are interested in joining NCBI's team of workshop facilitators. The cost of the seminar is \$300, which includes lunch.

UM offers 10 scholarships to UM faculty, staff and students who would like to attend the Oct. 9-11 training. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25. For more information, call Shontz at 243-5082.

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