The vision of the Montana Center for Inclusive Education (MCIE) is the creation of a fully inclusive society that values diversity. The mission supporting this vision states that MCIE serves the diverse population of Montana and provides continuing professional development opportunities for educators and direct service providers. MCIE also provides grant management and fiscal management for the Montana State University Billings (MSUB) College of Education’s externally funded projects. The programs of the MCIE include:

- Achieving Success by Promoting Readiness for Education and Employment (ASPIRE)
- Advanced Placement Summer Institute
- Extended Campus
- Hearing Conservation Program
- Montana Regional Education Service Area III
  - Indian Education for All
  - Region III Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
  - State Personnel Development Grant
- Movin’ On in Montana
- National Endowment for the Humanities Grant
- National Science Foundation Noyce Scholarship Phase One Grant
- OPI Special Education Endorsement Project
- Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program
Faculty Award for Exceptional Support of Students with Disabilities

Ms. Lynn Fitzgerald
Assistant Professor
Health and Human Performance, College of Allied Health Professions
“I believe Lynne’s proactive modification of my Outdoor Adventure Leadership curriculum is the best choice for my health and academic/professional future…”

Mr. Brian Gurney
Adjunct Assistant Professor
Management and Business Administration, College of Business
“I have no doubt in my mind that Brian would give any student with any disability the same dedication, commitment, and passion as he did with me… Having a professor that is easy to approach makes learning less stressful.”

MSUB Collaboration
- College of Allied Health Professions
- College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Education
- Disability Support Services
- Extended Campus at City College
- Grants & Sponsored Programs

Faculty Collaboration
- Cheryl Young-Pelton with Region III Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
- Mark Jacobson, Stuart Snyder, and Don Wilathgamuwa with the National Science Foundation Noyce Project
- Susan Gregory with the Special Education Endorsement Project

The Hearing Conservation Program conducted 5,902 hearing screenings.

82 children received medical referrals as the result of their school hearing screening or hearing evaluation.

43 children received full hearing evaluations as the result of a referral from their parents, their school, or their physician.
The MCIE utilized the Endowment interest to partially fund year two of its pilot project, Movin’ On in Montana. The endowment interest was also utilized to fund ten student scholarships and two faculty awards.

Miscellaneous Income: $73,621
Miscellaneous income includes audiology and Extended Campus fees.

University Funding: $146,437
University funding appropriated to MCIE by the state legislature and allocated by the Board of Regents. MCIE receives a percentage of the facilities and administrative costs charged to each grant and contract written or administered by the Center.

External State Funding: $299,645
State funding received from the Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Montana Office of Public Instruction.

External Federal Funding: $370,000
Federal funding received from the Social Security Administration, Department of Education, and The National Endowment for the Humanities.
Highlights of Fiscal Year 2019

- Nine proposals were submitted to state and federal agencies. All but one were funded.

- Movin’ On in Montana is partially funded as a pilot project by the Montana Center and partially funded by the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

- The Montana Office of Public Instruction’s Special Education Endorsement Project worked with 29 teachers in Montana. In Fiscal Year 2019, ten teachers in the project received their special education endorsement.

- Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA) received 395 new referrals for 2018-2019. Of the referrals, 64 were transition age youth, 19 were veterans, 219 were working part-time, and 34 were working full-time. WIPA initiated intensive individualized services to 296 clients in Montana and Idaho.

- Region III Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) offered 34 professional development activities that were attended by 727 service providers, school personnel, and teachers-in-preparation. In addition, Region III CSPD provided 39 scholarships for service providers and school personnel to attend four in-state professional development activities offered by other professional development providers.

- The Montana Regional Education Service Area III offered 26 professional development activities that were attended by 477 service providers, school personnel, and teachers-in-preparation.

- Ten scholarships totaling $10,000 were awarded to students with disabilities at Montana State University Billings.

- MCIE held the Montana Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) June 24-27, 2019. The APSI was attended by 56 advanced placement high school teachers from across the nation. Courses offered included AP Biology, AP English Language and Composition, AP Statistics, AP Studio Art, and AP World History.

Future Priorities

- Apply for funding opportunities that support the vision and mission.
- Provide professional development to schools and community organizations.
- Continue to strengthen our partnerships within the Montana University System.
- Reapply for Noyce 2 Grant to continue training qualified S.T.E.M teachers in rural Montana school districts.
- Build on relationship developed with successful National Endowment for Humanities Grant, The Battle of Little Bighorn and the Great Sioux War (1876).