Montana Center Awards

Faculty Award for Exceptional Support of Students with Disabilities
In 2003, the Montana Center began honoring faculty who have provided exceptional support to students with disabilities. Faculty members are nominated by students and chosen by Montana Center and Disability Support Services staff. The awards are presented during the MSUB Faculty Excellence Awards ceremony each spring.

Montana Center Scholarships
These scholarships were established in 2001 for Freshman through graduate students with a disability attending MSUB. Applications are available by contacting the MSUB Financial Aid office at 406-657-2158 or www.msubillings.edu/finaid/forms.

Merry Jane Trewhella Memorial
This scholarship was established in memory of Merry Jane Trewhella in 2010. Merry Jane had been a lecturer in the MSUB College of Education and a strong supporter of the Montana Center. For more information contact the MSUB Foundation at 657-2244.

Other Services

Grant and fiscal management for the MSUB College of Education’s externally funded projects is also provided by the Montana Center.

MonTECH
Housed at the Montana Center, MonTECH provides assistive technology information and services in the areas of education, employment, community living, and telecommunications. MonTECH is part of The University of Montana’s Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.
Montana Center for Inclusive Education Programs

Vision
The Montana Center works to create a fully inclusive society that values diversity.

Mission
The Montana Center serves the diverse population of Montana and provides continuing professional development opportunities for educators and direct service providers.

Child participating in a hearing evaluation at the Montana Center

Achieving Success by Promoting Readiness for Education and Employment (ASPIRE) provides benefits counseling intervention services to high school youth with disabilities receiving Social Security Supplemental Insurance benefits.

Hearing Conservation Program (HCP) works with Montana schools to identify and remediate hearing problems in children and youth, ages birth to 21.

Montana Regional Education Service Area III (MRESA3) provides professional development for educators. Topics include technology, Indian Education for All, and gifted and talented education.

Movin’ On in Montana: An Enhanced E-Mentoring Experience provides a mentoring relationship for high school students with disabilities considering transitioning into higher education. Culminating in a four day on-campus summer program, Movin’ On provides a realistic understanding of the college experience at Montana State University Billings (MSUB).

Office of Public Instruction Special Education Endorsement Project helps districts meet the critical need for special education teachers. Eligible teachers receive tuition and mentor assistance to complete their special education endorsement.

Region III Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) for Montana educators and related service providers ensures that personnel have the skills and knowledge to improve academic achievement and functional performance of students.

Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) is a Social Security funded program that provides benefits counseling to Social Security Disability beneficiaries who are interested in working.

For more information on the Montana Center’s programs visit our website www.msubillings.edu/montanacenter