



How can an ABLÉ account help me meet my goals?

Webinar Presenters

Theresa Baldry

Theresa Baldry is a project coordinator at the Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities. She is based in Miles City working on the Children’s Special Health Services Transitions projects, and the Montana Deaf-Blind Project. She is a parent of six children, including a son with a disability. She began her work in the disability field due to her need to understand information and systems that would directly impact her son who is now a young adult. His need for assistive technology including systems for communication created opportunities to learn and share. Transition was a particularly impacting period of time and has remained an area of focused interest. Theresa’s belief that “knowledge is power” has directed her areas of employment in the disability field. Over the last 25 years, she has worked to impact and develop relationships with the programs and services which support individuals with a disability throughout their lives. She has worked for PLUK, Parents Let’s Unite for Kids, and was a member of the Leadership Team. As a parent, she serves on the Disability Rights of Montana Board of Directors. Theresa has been a member of the Rural Institute Consumer Advisory Council since 2010 and has presented at numerous conferences and webinars as a Council member.

Travis Hoffman

Travis Hoffman lives in Missoula, Montana. As a person with a spinal cord injury, Travis knows first-hand many of the challenges Montanans with disabilities face every day. Travis currently works as the advocacy coordinator at Summit Independent Living in Missoula. Travis has served and currently serves on many local, state, and national committees, boards, and councils, including the Alliance for Disability and Students of the University of Montana (ADSUM), the National Youth Leadership Network, the Missoula County Election Advisory Committee, the Montana Health Coalition, the Community First Choice Development and Implementation Council, and others. In 2006, Travis earned a bachelor’s degree in social work from the University of Montana.

Isaac Baldry

Isaac Baldry is one of the three hundred Montana residents who have an ABLÉ account. Isaac is self-employed in his company, Isaac Baldry Consulting. He serves as a member of the Rural Institute, Consumer Advisory Council, as well as doing private contract work for them, on projects around transition. He has presented at national conferences, provided technical assistance through his lived experiences, and written for Apostrophe magazine. When not working, Isaac is a sports enthusiast, who checked off another item from his bucket list, when he attended spring training baseball in Florida, earlier this year. It was so much fun, it is not a one and done, and he hopes to go another year in the future. Today, he is here to share his personal experiences and use of an ABLÉ account.