



**RTC:Rural**

Research & Training Center  
on Disability in Rural Communities

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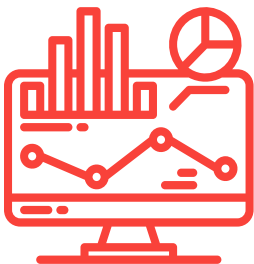
We could not have achieved this without our fabulous partners across the CIL network.

Thank you for helping shape research and training that matters to rural people with disabilities.

We have an excellent slate of new projects, and we need your continued support to ensure our efforts represent disability voices and experiences. This support can take many forms.

- Participate with us in national meetings to shape policy and action.
- Serve on a project advisory group.
- Become a pilot site for testing a new program.
- Shape training to build CIL capacity.
- Help us share rural stories and experiences.

Here is a brief description of some of our projects and how you might become involved.



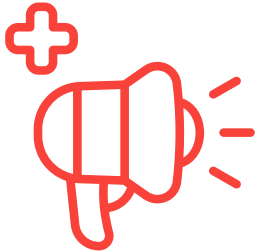
## **Rural Disability Community Summit**

Rural disability data is often limited or difficult to access. Our *Rural Disability Community Summit* will bring together advocates, people with disabilities, providers, researchers, and policy makers to collectively identify data that matters to the rural disability community. Maybe you would like to participate in such a discussion? Contact Lillie Greiman ([Lillie.greiman@mso.umt.edu](mailto:Lillie.greiman@mso.umt.edu)) to learn more.



## Rural Personal Assistance Services (PAS) Workforce Capacity

There are not enough rural PAS workers to meet the growing demand. Our PAS Workforce Capacity project will identify key factors associated with PAS worker shortages and strategies to increase workforce capacity. We need dedicated advisors to make this happen. Contact Rayna Sage ([Rayna.sage@mso.umt.edu](mailto:Rayna.sage@mso.umt.edu)) to learn more.



## Peer-group and One-on-One Health Promotion

We are looking for CIL delivery sites who will help us evaluate two models of health promotion, one delivered via an online group and another delivered using a remote one-on-one health coaching model. We also need partners who will help us understand how the health coaching model would best fit with how CILs deliver services. Contact Krys Standley ([Krys.standley@mso.umt.edu](mailto:Krys.standley@mso.umt.edu)) to learn more.



## Rural Transportation Vouchers

Transportation voucher programs can increase transportation access in rural areas. We are looking for stakeholder advisors including rural disability leaders and transportation experts to help us create an updated Transportation Voucher Toolkit and inform our project activities. Contact Andrew Myers ([Andrew.myers@mso.umt.edu](mailto:Andrew.myers@mso.umt.edu)) to learn more.



## Capacity Building in Home Useability

Past research has demonstrated the positive outcomes from providing low-cost home modifications to people with disabilities. Now we want to ensure CILs can both implement and sustain these types of programs. Help us develop and test a model for building organization capacity in supporting the Home Useability Program. Contact Lillie Greiman ([Lillie.greiman@mso.umt.edu](mailto:Lillie.greiman@mso.umt.edu)) to learn more.



If you want a description of all the exciting projects including in our new funding, please visit the RTC:Rural Website.

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