

OVERVIEW

Movin' On in Montana: An Enhanced E-Mentoring Experience is a high-quality transition experience to post-secondary education for high school students with disabilities. Transitioning from high school to either college or the workforce is an anxiety-inducing time for the life of any student, especially one with disabilities. *Movin' On* helps alleviate this anxiety by providing mentoring experiences between high school students with disabilities and current Montana State University Billings (MSUB) students who also have a disability.

Taking the Next Step With Support

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Mentoring is delivered through monthly meetings, both through video conferencing and face-to-face seminars. The mentors address student concerns and offer guidance on how to successfully navigate the college experience.
- Mentors address key topics including rights and responsibilities, documentation, self-management, accommodations, disability support services, soft skills, self-advocacy and more.
- The highlight of *Movin' On* is an on-campus experience at Montana State University Billings. Participating high school students are encouraged to attend the four-day event that is partially staffed by MSUB mentors. Students live in the dorms, eat in the cafeteria, attend classes on the MSUB and City College campuses, and tour the three college campuses in Billings.
- Leveraging the power of technology, *Movin' On* utilizes WebEx video conferencing and social media to keep students and mentors connected.
- The program is funded by the Montana Center for Inclusive Education at MSUB.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, NUMBERS, SERVICE AREA

- To be eligible, a student must:
 - Be between the ages of 14 and 21
 - Be a high school student, or other recognized education program grades 9-12
 - Have a disability (receiving accommodations under an IEP or 504 plan, or not currently being served under these plans)
- School year enrollment: 75 student participants
- Summer Camp enrollment: 45 student participants
- Currently serving 5 rural schools from the Billings region



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