



SPECIAL EDITION

MCDD QUICK NEWS

STATE PLANS TOWN MEETINGS ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES AND LOCATIONS AND PLAN TO ATTEND

Sept 5	Missoula	Missoula Library, 301 Main Street	6:30pm
Sept 5	Helena	Lewis & Clark Library, 120 S LC Gulch	6:30pm
Sept 6	Butte	DDP Office, 700 Casey	6:30pm
Sept 7	Bozeman	FWP, 1400 S 19 th Avenue	6:00pm
Sept 13	Great Falls	DDP Office, 201 1 st Street S, #3	6:00pm
Sept 13	Kalispell	FWP, 490 N. Meridian Road	6:30pm
Sept 14	Havre	Havre Day Activities, 235 1 st St N	6:00pm
Sept 14	Miles City	FWP, Meeting Room	7:00pm
Sept 15	Butte	People First Senate Meeting*	
Sept 21	Billings	DDP, 2121 Rosebud (brown bag lunch)	11:30am
Sept 25	Lewistown	CMMC Conf Center, Rm 1 (bb lunch)	11:30am
Sept 26	Glasgow	Job Service Mtg Room, Plains Plaza	7:00pm

Abbreviations: **Mtg** = meeting; **DDP** = Developmental Disabilities Program; **FWP** = Fish, Wildlife and Parks; **CMMC** = Central Montana Medical Center

* The meeting on September 15 is for the People First Senate members only.

The Following is a press release from the Department of Public Health & Human Services:

The Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP) of the state Department of Public Health and Human Services will hold meeting in 11 towns across Montana in September to get guidance from the public about the future of state services for people with developmental disabilities.

DDP Regional staff will be on at each location to facilitate discussion and gather feedback that they will in turn share with a new strategic planning task force. Individuals will be invited by DDP to participate on this task force but people with developmental disabilities or members of their families are encouraged to contact DDP if interested in being part of the group. The new task force will hold meetings in October and November to review the feedback from the town meetings and incorporate as much of the information as possible into a plan for the developmental disabilities system over the next few years.

"These meetings will be very helpful to us," said Jeff Sturm, DDP Director. "They give us an opportunity to hear ideas, suggestions and opinions from the people most affected by our services, so that we can enhance the quality of life for everyone person who gets our services."

Family and friends of people with disabilities who have received services for developmental disabilities are invited to attend. The meetings are expected to last about two hours.

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