



Montana Home Choice Coalition

Quality Housing for Seniors, Adults, Children, and Families with Disabilities

A Coalition of Montana Citizens, Advocates, Providers, Federal, State, Tribal, and Local Agencies, the Housing Finance community, Realtors, and the Home-Building industry working together to create better community housing choices for all people with disabilities.



A.W.A.R.E. Inc. serves as the lead coordinating agency of the Montana Home Choice Coalition.

The Montana Home Choice Coalition

Affordable, Quality Housing for Seniors, Adults, Children and Families with Disabilities.

Our mission is to create better community housing choices for all people with disabilities by working through a coalition of Montana citizens, advocates, providers, federal, state, tribal, and local agencies, and the housing finance community.

VISION STATEMENT

All Montanans with disabilities will enjoy quality, attainable, and safe housing of their own choice.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We believe that every person is deserving of quality, affordable, and safe housing of their own choosing. We know that housing choice for people and families with disabilities is the cornerstone of a stable life in the community offering greater independence and dignity.

We come together to promote homeownership and community living opportunities for people with disabilities.

We strive to bring together:

- citizens with disabilities;
- advocates
- affordable housing providers;
- housing officials;
- disability related service providers;
- officials directing publicly funded disability related services; and
- the banking and housing finance industry.

We experience productive relationships on the federal, state, and community level to better meet the housing and service needs of people with disabilities in communities across Montana.

ACTION GOALS

- ❖ Formally establish the Montana Home Choice Coalition.
- ❖ Establish HomeChoice™ Mortgage Pilot Network.
- ❖ Identify and link consumers with disabilities to homeownership opportunities including HomeChoice™ Mortgages.
- ❖ Collaborate with Montana Department of Commerce, and Department of Public Health and Human Services, and other disability housing needs documentation efforts.
- ❖ Create formal links between Coalition and existing homeownership networks around the state.
- ❖ Create or identify existing specialized homeownership curriculum materials to meet unique needs of people and families with disabilities to include pre and post purchase counseling and early delinquency counseling.
- ❖ Educate, promote, and implement Universal Design concept.
- ❖ Advocate for less restrictive/most appropriate community living options in accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act and Olmstead U.S. Supreme Court Decision.
- ❖ Educate on and advocate for the Supportive Housing service model.
- ❖ Provide technical assistance to the disability community on housing development.
- ❖ Develop model community living options emphasizing Universal design, in community integrated, independence enhancing environments.
- ❖ Develop additional resources for attainable homeownership and rental opportunities for people with disabilities.
- ❖ Assist efforts of state and local Section 8 providers to obtain additional Disability Housing Vouchers.
- ❖ Preserve and protect the existing housing stock serving the needs of people with disabilities.
- ❖ Advocate for services to help people maintain and retain their homes.
- ❖ *Promote access to Section 8 homeownership vouchers and leverage Individual Development Accounts, Family Self-Sufficiency, and Home\$tart.*

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