

MT Youth in Transition Conference

Student-focused Planning

**Interagency
Coordination**

Vendor Fair

Family Involvement

A conference focused on
improving transition out-
comes and post-secondary
opportunities for youth
with disabilities.

Vocational Planning

Independent Living

Education and Job Training

Parent Resources and Support

Self-Advocacy

NOV. 5-7, 2014
HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN
MISSOULA, MT

MYT 2014

Scholarships are available for youth and families on a first come-first serve basis. Please visit the website or email mylfjune@bresnan.net for more information.

Special rates are also available for youth and families and/or groups.
For more information, visit www.montanayouthtransitions.org.



What to Expect...

MYT is an opportunity for students, parents, teachers, vocational rehabilitation counselors, case managers and others to network, explore resources, and discover pathways to meaningful futures!

During the conference, there will be a **Real Life Fair** with vendors representing education, independent living, recreation, employment, and other supportive services.

Presenters will include well known keynotes as well as **Montanans** who have themselves gone through the transition process and can offer insight, guidance and support.

A **youth track** will also be provided to start youth on their own individualized transition journey.

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A block of rooms (with state rate) has been set aside at the Holiday Inn Downtown until **October 6th** (the reduced rate is not guaranteed after that date). **Call 406-721-8550** to reserve your rooms today!

Holiday Inn Downtown has some accessible rooms and will arrange additional rooms at local hotels if necessary.

Professional Credits Available:

- ~ Educator Continuing Education Credits
- ~ MT Vocational Rehabilitation CEUs
- ~ MSU-Northern College Credit (pending approval)
- ~ Continuing Education Credits for Social Workers and Licensed Counselors (pending approval)

For details and registration information:

www.montanayouthtransitions.org

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KEYNOTE PRESENTERS



Craig J. Boykin is a renowned speaker, author, at-risk behavioral specialist, and mentor. He has devoted his life to creating lasting change for those who desire it; Craig has risen to the national stage by delivering his inspirational message which tells people how to shake off mediocrity and live up to their greatness. It is a message he has learned from his own life and one he is helping others apply to their lives. Craig is one of the nation's leading authorities in understanding and stimulating human potential, utilizing a powerful delivery and newly emerging insights to teach, inspire and channel people to new levels of achievement.



Craig's personal mission in life is to provide hope to individuals who feel that their current situation is hopeless and travels the country presenting his seminar, "Make Life Count." He published his first book in 2013 entitled, "My Life, Your Inspiration" and has been featured on TBN, won various awards, and his story has been shared in many inspirational and motivational magazines. One of the most sought after speakers in America he speaks at programs, events, graduations and conferences across America. Craig truly has a very inspiring story and his journey from GED to PhD is one that will have you motivated to go out and achieve greatness.

Stephen "Dr. Bird" Birchak Ed.D.



Author, professor, counseling psychologist, former college wrestling coach of the year, husband, father, and reformed class clown, Dr. Bird is a nationally recognized speaker on issues of character development and violence prevention and has spoken to over 100,000 educators, parents, and students nationwide. He is the author of "The Jerk Whisperer" and "How To Build A Child's Character-By Tapping Into Your Own." He speaks to audiences nationwide on how to tap into our character.



Dr. Bird examines our most common reactions to stress and provides at skills to deal with the incivility in today's high-pressure world. He also offers small changes in our day-to-day behaviors that will allow us to reduce stress and deal with the most difficult people. Dr. Stephen Birchak has become one of the nation's foremost experts in human relations in the workplace, the home, and in educational settings. His principles involving human character have been used by executives, corporate leaders, educators, parents, and students.

For more information, visit www.docbird.com.



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Missoula, MT

November 5-7, 2014

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

8:30 AM-1:00 PM

Registration

10:00- 11:30 AM

Concurrent Sectionals

- Mental Health Services in MT: What and Where are They? (Panel, Ann Verploegen, facilitator)
- ❖ Tools to Assist at Work (MonTECH staff)
- ❖ PEP Talk (MCIS): A Personal Employment Plan (Pam Boggs, DOL)

Lunch on Your Own

1:00- 2: 15PM

Opening Remarks

Keynote Presentation: **MR. TIM HARRIS**

"Tales from the Crip"

2:00- 2:15 PM

Break

2:15- 3:30 PM

Concurrent Sectionals

- One Size Does Not Fit All: Transition IEPs (Ann Verploegen, OPI)
- ❖ Tools for College (MonTECH staff)
- ❖ Life of a Teenage Tragedy (Michael Woods)
- ❖ In Pursuit of Happiness: Self-care, advocacy and taking care of oneself(Dan Aune)

3:45- 5:00 PM

Concurrent Sectionals

- ADA Basics for Transitioning Students (Rocky Mountain ADA)
- ❖ Aspire MT Project (Mary Taylor)
- ❖ Selfie-Advocacy: Taking an Up-close Look at YOUR Future (Mary Olson)
- ❖ So You Want to Go to College? Finding Success with Post-Secondary Education(Rural Institute Consumer Advisory Council)

6:00- 7:00 PM

Vendor Set-up Time Available

Dinner on your own.

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Breakfast provided

7:00- 8:00 AM

Vendor Set-up

8:15- 9:45 AM

Adult Vendor Fair

&

Youth Transition Planning Session

- ❖ = Youth Friendly Presentation

10:00- 11:30 AM Keynote Presentation: **MR. CRAIG BOYKIN**

Teaching with Poverty in Mind: How to Help At-Risk Students Succeed

Summary: It's clear that children from poverty are often at a disadvantage when it comes to education, and educators can find it challenging to help such students become positively engaged in their own learning. Students from poverty often need more help engaging in the classroom. Above all, Craig J. Boykin advises educators to avoid giving up on "difficult" students by deciding that certain kids "can't be taught," and provides powerful examples of at-risk children succeeding in large numbers in supportive environments. He also admonishes, "If you don't teach it, don't punish kids for not doing it well!"

11:45- 1:00 PM Luncheon: **Striving to be Your Best (UM Coaching Staff)**

1:15- 2:30 PM Concurrent Sectionals (Adult tracks)

- ❖ Rise Above (Craig Boykin)
- Turning 18: What does Transfer of Rights Mean? (Ann Verploegen, OPI)
- Region II Transition Project: A Regional Approach to Improving Transition
- ❖ Show Me the Money! How to Earn, Save, Budget and Spend...Money!(Rural Institute Advisory Council)

2:30- 2:45 PM Break

2:45- 3:45 PM **Youth Vendor Fair**

Adult Concurrent Sectionals

- Tough Topics: Sex (Angel Nordquist)
- Parent to Parent (June Hermanson, facilitator)
- How to Prepare Students with Asperger's for Successful Post-school Employment as Documented in an Awesome IEP (Doug Doty and Ann Verploegen, OPI)

3:45- 4:00 PM Break

4:00- 5:00 PM Concurrent Sectionals

- Educated, Connected and Ready! Montana Vocational Rehabilitation
- Wanted: Parent Participation! (Theresa Baldry & Mary Olson)
- ❖ Leadership Opportunities for Montana Youth (Panel)
- ❖ What's Up Doc? Planning the Transition to Health Care (Rural Institute Consumer Advisory)

Dinner on your own

Possibly a youth movie/activity time? Hors d'oeuvres? 5:30-7:30 ish

Friday, November 7, 2014

Breakfast Provided

8:15- 9:45 AM Opening Remarks

Keynote Presentation: **DR. STEPHEN BIRCHAK**

Tapping Into Your Best—When Your Best is Needed

He will offer strategies for building our passion, reducing our stress, and increasing effective skills for today's challenges. The presentation will cover: How are we treating each other? Civility- Essential skills for building civility and how to eliminate practices that don't work. Conscience - Differences between those who care and those who don't, and how we can build conscience in others? Collaboration- What skills do effective collaborators have that miserable people don't?

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10:00- 11:15 AM

Concurrent Sectionals

- The Joy of Neurosis- The 5 Mental Skills of a Resilient Leader (Dr. Birchak)
- Social Security Work Incentives (Margaret Keener and Tiffany Costa)
- Social Skills and More: How to Support People Entering the Workforce or College Campus (Jennifer Closson, UM)
- ❖ Overcoming Depression: Youth with Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Diagnosis (Sierra Lode, Rural Institute Advisory Council)

11:15 AM

Checkout—evaluations, certificates, renewal units, etc.

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November 5-7, 2014 ♦♦ Missoula, MT ♦♦ Holiday Inn Downtown

Are you registering as: Individual
With a group
Please list group name:

Note: For a group registration, list the group contact below, and complete page three of the registration form with the names of the other group members.

Cost: Individual: **\$100**

Parents/Family Members: **\$75**

Group rate: **\$75** per person (for groups of more than 3 individuals who register together)

One day attendance: **\$40** per day

Groups of 10 or more youth: **\$20** per youth per day (Please contact June at 442-2576 or mylfjune@bresnan.net for special circumstances or funding issues as well as available scholarship opportunities).

Contact Information (for individual registration or group contact)

First Name:

Last Name:

Company/Organization (if applicable):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Indicate your primary role: (please check one)

Teacher

Parent/Family Member

Youth

Service Provider

Other:

Montana Youth Transitions ♦ 1617 Euclid Avenue ♦ Helena, MT ♦ 406-442-2576



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Accommodations

If you require an alternative format not addressed below, please contact June Hermanson at **Phone: 406-442-2576** or **Email: mylfjune@bresnan.net**. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate you if your request is received by October 1, 2013.

Alternate Format Request

Sign Language Interpreter
Large Print

Compact Disc (CD)
Other:

Braille

Registration Information

Method of Payment: Registration payments may be made out to *MYTransitions*

Personal Check

Check Number:

Purchase Order

PO Number:

Number of registrants:

Total due/paid:

Please print this form and mail to: MYTransitions, 1617 Euclid Ave, Helena, MT 59601 or Email as an attachment to June Hermanson at mylfjune@bresnan.net.

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Group Registration Information: Please list all the names of the group members (these are *in addition* to the primary contact person listed on page 1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u> (student, parent, teacher, para, etc.)	<u>Alt. Format</u> (please list)
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Please indicate what dates you will be attending the conference:

_____ **Entire length of the conference** (November 5-7, 2014)
_____ Wednesday, November 5, 2014
_____ Thursday, November 6, 2014
_____ Friday, November 7, 2014