

Increasing Inclusive Fitness Under the Big Sky: Webinar Feb. 23, 2021

Questions & Answers

1. Does Medicaid pay for any of this equipment without a referral? Maybe, State Medicaid or possibly community council funding? It would be for myself and others in my community. It would be like swimming, back-country, sledding.

ANSWER: Medicaid waiver may purchase adaptive recreation equipment like trikes since they support health. In Montana, it depends in part on the political climate and who is currently in the decision-making seat. Generally people in Montana access a couple of foundations for help purchasing trikes. I've never known straight Medicaid to fund this type of equipment, but if I'm wrong, hopefully someone else will chime in.

I've also seen successful GoFundMes for adaptive rec equipment. If you're thinking about a larger project, perhaps pursuing a grant would be in order, or partnering with a community service organization.

2. If you've mentioned this already I missed it, but how are you funded to acquire this type of equipment?

ANSWER: On the skiing side-we have received funds from fundraising and the ski hill.

3. Is there an easy way to connect with or find these opportunities? We have been interested in trying but when it comes to finding them and reaching out, my own anxiety brain freezes and overwhelms and I don't know where to start.

ANSWER: If you are wondering what adaptive sport opportunities are available in your state, I would suggest you contact either the independent living center serving your region, or your state AT program. If you're in Montana, Anastasia, you can find which independent living center serves your region here: https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/independentliving/centerlocations Another good way to learn about opportunities is by joining social media groups or friending adaptive sport enthusiasts. They'll know more about new opportunities and upcoming events. Not to mention they'll be posting uber-cool pics!

4. Camp Bullwheel, have they ever showed the boat in the mall?

ANSWER: Yes, it is the same.

5. Camp Bullwheel, Is there a place to learn/see the automated fishing device that gentleman was using (The white box)? Thank you!

ANSWER: Camp Bullwheel has these automated fishing devices for use. Contact <u>fishwithpeter@gmail.com</u> for more details or other video demonstrations.

6. Can anyone access the ski program? How do you connect?

ANSWER: Best place to start is your local ski hill. If you are traveling call as soon as possible and describe your need!