

2018 MYT/MAR Keynote Presenters



LEDERICK HORNE

Labeled with a learning disability in third grade, LeDerick Horne defies any and all labels. He's a dynamic spoken-word poet, a tireless advocate for all people with disabilities, and a husband and father who serves as a role model for all races, genders, and generations. The grandson of one of New Jersey's most prominent civil rights leaders, LeDerick uses his gift for spoken-word poetry as the gateway to larger discussions on equal opportunity, pride, self-determination and hope for people with disabilities. You can learn more about him and his work at www.lederick.com.



MARY OLSON-WILLARD

Mary Olson-Willard is the Director of Training and Technical Assistance for the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL), which is a national grassroots membership and disability rights organization. She has been working in the field of Independent Living and disability services for the past 10 years. She has volunteered with the Montana State Independent Living Council, Montana Youth Leadership Forum and received her Master's in Social Work from the University of Montana in 2014. When she isn't traveling around the county, you will find her cuddling with her spunky two year old or learning a new recipe.



Chris Clasby

Chris Clasby is a Montana native and has lived in Missoula for 25 years and has been an active advocate for individuals with disabilities in many areas, but including assistive technology, community participation and self-advocacy. He credits many of the things he values to the influence of others who contributed to his own transition to adulthood with a newly acquired disability of quadriplegia. Most of his leisure time is spent participating in or pursuing outdoor recreational activities, including fishing and hunting.

