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DR. RICHARD PIMENTEL is an internationally renowned consultant, keynote speaker, and professional trainer. He has the well-earned reputation for being North America's premier speaker on disability inclusion, Self-Advocacy, and employment issues. Working with Education and Rehabilitation organizations on Self Advocacy, Disability Inclusion and Attitude Change, his work is credited for producing enduring changes in Education and Employer culture.

In 2007, Richard's life story was portrayed in Warner Brothers' full-length motion picture, *Music Within*.

Among other accomplishments, Richard is the co-author of the Without Limits self-advocacy curriculum, as well as the author of the Windmills interactive disability attitude change program for managers and supervisors – adopted widely by many in Education, Rehabilitation and Fortune 500 companies.



FEATURED

MILT WRIGHT is the founder of Milt Wright & Associates, Inc., and provides training and curriculum worldwide, along with his associate, Richard Pimentel. His philosophy in founding the company was to design and produce programs, services and products to assist educators, educators and employers to integrate students and other individuals with disabilities to be successful in education and employment. For more than 35 years, Milt Wright & Associates Inc. has provided consultation, products, tools and seminars on self-advocacy, mentoring, job placement, job retention, attitude change leadership and motivation for more than 1,000,000 youth, young adults, and professionals worldwide.



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CHERIE AND ZACH RONISH are a mother and son duo from Great Falls, MT, who have worked together and with many other families on establishing transition as a positive, rewarding journey, despite its challenges and unknowns.

Cherie, is a mother of 2 adult children both with hidden disabilities, including ADD, learning disabilities, anxiety disorder and Autism. She is here to encourage you that what others call disabilities are a beautiful part of who our kids are. Cherie has dyslexia herself and knows what it feels like to struggle through life. Her goal is to help others find hidden opportunities and make them a reality.

Zach is a 2021 high school graduate and has already overcome many challenges life has given him. He is learning ways to be an adult through use of technology, support and advocacy. Zach was chosen in 2019 as MYLF Representative for the national APRIL conference. He also works with MYLF as a peer mentor. Zach loves BMX, parkour, mountain biking and hanging with friends. His dream after high school is to become a professional mascot. He looks forward to sharing his strategies to overcome life's challenges.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Milt Wright & Anna Haslund



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MICHAEL WOODS at the age of 17, after making a potentially fatal choice, was forced to learn how to navigate living in the community with a disability, as well as how to maintain a positive outlook on life while encountering adversities. He now is passionate about supporting and educating people about suicide prevention and self-advocacy.

After graduating with a Masters in mental health counseling, Michael previously worked with the Independent Living Centers of Montana as an Independent Living Specialist and is now the Quality Assurance Program Manager for Montana DPHHS, Michael works with CMS and state leadership to improve person centered planning strategies to amplify the voices of the program participants to empower their communication, connection, and access to the community.



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ANNA HASLUND is the first Deaf titleholder of Miss for Montana America pageant, and on March 25, 2021, she won Miss Congeniality award at the Miss for America pageant. Her platform is to advocate the American Disabilities Act. She was born in Seattle WA and moved to Missoula, Montana with her family when she was two years old. She loves Montana and is looking forward to sharing her journey and goals with you.