



# MIC

## MISSOULA INTERFAITH COLLABORATIVE

HOUSING ADVOCATE NETWORK • FAMILY PROMISE • MISSOULA WORKS • BUILDING BRIDGES, BUILDING LEADERS

### MIC's New Face



Ashly

She's our AmeriCorps VISTA, working as an editor and writer for MIC. Ashly's lived throughout South America and Europe, contributing to journals and magazines along the way. She came back to Missoula after fifteen years "to pull a Thoreau and write a book in the woods." Not only did she finish the book, she's started her own publishing company. Ashly's passion is listening to people's stories and then putting them to paper to share with others in a creative way. She specializes in undocumented immigration within Argentina, Spain, and the US. When not typing away, you can find her reading in a hammock in the woods with her adventure cat and a yerba mate.



The overall goal of the AmeriCorps VISTA project is to grow connections between MIC, partner organizations, the community, and those served in an effort to reduce barriers for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The VISTA member creates an effective marketing strategy to reduce stigma around homelessness by facilitating and empowering individuals to share their stories via new platforms created and maintained by member. The project includes sharing the overall work of MIC throughout the community.

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## Housing Programs

Every family housed through Family Promise and the Housing Advocate Network this fiscal year is still in their home. One-on-one volunteer work creates connection and a foundation for families and individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Meet Zeke over a cup of coffee and he'll tell you how you can get involved: [zeke@micmt.org](mailto:zeke@micmt.org)

Two crucial trainings this month, and they're not just for professionals. Make a tremendous difference. No cost:

**ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences)** Wednesday, June 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Missoula Public Library.

ACEs can affect a person throughout their life. Expand your viewpoint, from that of other kids in the classroom all the way to employers. If you already have interest or experience with ACEs, try to make this.

**Mental Health First Aid Training** Monday, June 24, 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (30 spots available.) St. Paul's Lutheran Church, lower Fellowship Hall.

Much more than first aid is covered, and anyone is encouraged to come. Mental health affects everyone. Nearly 1 in 5 U.S. adults lives with a mental illness; from 1999 to 2016, 630,000 people died from drug overdose; on average, there are 123 suicides a day.\* Anyone can help a fellow community member in distress. Learn the accessible skills here.

All day attendance is required, and it's worth it. There will be more trainings in the future. If you volunteer with MIC, you're encouraged to come.

[Register Here](#)

\*Mental Health First Aid website

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## Community Organizing- Bridges and Leaders

Do you want to enhance your leadership and build up leaders within your community organization or congregation? Are you passionate about bolstering self-agency in people, uplifting their skills, and meeting people further upstream in terms of their wellness and overall health? Join us on **June 25th from 12:00-1:30 p.m.** at **St. Paul Lutheran** for our Action Network Gathering. Lunch will be served! Bring yourself and 2 or 3 others from your community group. Learn how to connect and collaborate with others when it comes to changing social systems and strengthening leadership within your institution, our local community, and beyond! To RSVP you and your group, please email the Director of our Bridges and Leaders Program, Stacey Siebrasse, at [stacey@micmt.org](mailto:stacey@micmt.org). We hope to see you there!



## Recycling Works



Still don't know there's glass recycling in Missoula? Or that we come to your house or business to pick it up? Visit us by the fountain at the Clark Fork Farmer's Market this Saturday to learn more, or sign up today on our fetching, newly designed website: [Recycling Works](http://RecyclingWorks) Thank you for making Missoula a more sustainable community.

## Missoula Works



Missoula Works is recruiting diverse members to its board. Interested in making impactful changes in the Missoula community? Contact Paige: [paige@missoulaworks.com](mailto:paige@missoulaworks.com)

## Easy ways to give to MIC!



### THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Are you a Thrivent member?

Do you have an Action Team that MIC can utilize?

Please contact us so that we can talk to you about an upcoming event that would be a great use of Thrivent Action Teams!

Call 406-207-8228 or email [rebecca@micmt.org](mailto:rebecca@micmt.org)



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