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# Opening Doors Newsletter

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with disabilities within AmeriCorps programs.*

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## Upcoming Events

September and October are very busy months for attending conferences and providing AmeriCorps presentations to a number of advocacy partners. I wanted to share one event date to encourage people to consider attending the Disability Inclusion Conference in Alexandria, VA. This event takes place October 16th -18th. Individual scholarships for travel and lodging only, up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) are available, so if you have a nominee that you think would benefit from attending the conference and that you would like to recommend for a scholarship, please forward a name to Kathy Bean by October 7, 2008. Scholarships are available on a first come first served basis and are reimbursable upon submission of required documentation.



## AmeriCorps Inclusion/Diversity Media Campaign

I'm so excited about our statewide media campaign that begins this month and will continue until the end of the year. Watch and listen for our disability inclusion DVD that we ran last year, AmeriCorps radio ads narrated by Jack Gladstone who is a huge celebrity at a national level within the Native American community and Montana, statewide newspaper ads (14 directed to Tribal distributors), 262 packets mailed to private and public high school career counselors and our 56 County Superintendents.

We've had input from the Governor's Office but more importantly I'd like to hear from you, let me know what you think. I hope you've had a chance to relax a little this summer and I look forward to our paths crossing.

Thank you for your efforts toward promoting disability inclusion. Call or email with any questions or concerns; 406- 444-5547 or [kbean@mt.gov](mailto:kbean@mt.gov).