



Realizing Rural Relationships: Peer Support for Rural Outreach and Organizing

The Rural Community Living Development Peer Mentoring Team
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What you can expect today

- Brief introduction to the Rural Community Living Development Peer Mentoring Program
- Focused discussions on three rural outreach and organizing topics
 1. Outreach through new programming
 2. Reaching underserved communities
 3. Building non-traditional relationships
- Wrapping up and how to get involved

The RCLD Peer Mentoring Program

- Rayna Sage
- Lillie Greiman
- The RCLD curriculum and peer mentorship model

Rural Community Living Development

A peer-to-peer mentoring program for rural community living

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Introduction

The Rural Community Living Development peer-to-peer mentoring program creates opportunities for CIL staff to learn about and practice rural community outreach and organizing with the support of more experienced CIL staff. The goal is to build and use community resources for addressing the community living needs of rural people with disabilities.

Activity

- What is one word you would use to describe rural outreach?



Outreach through new programming

- Stephanie Deible, Disability Network West Michigan
- Dori Tempio, Able South Carolina



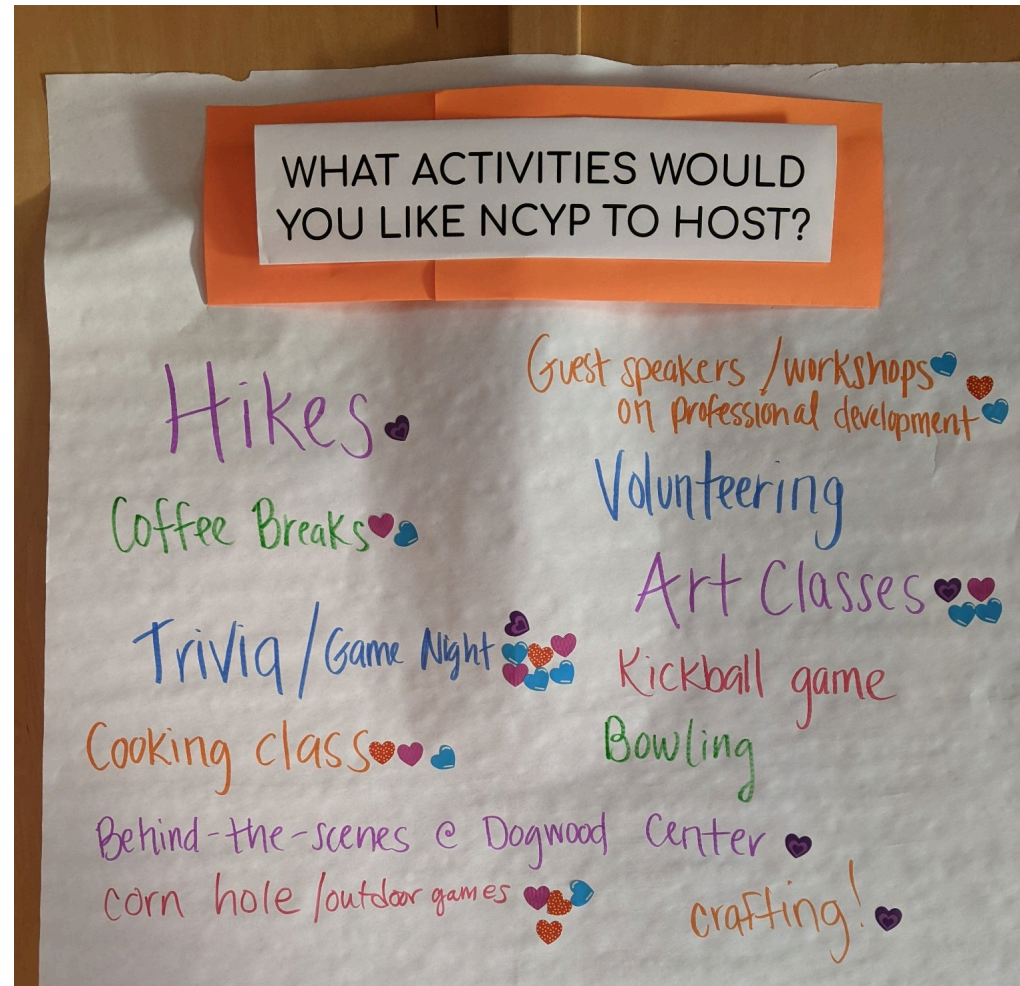
Advocacy Day for Access and Independence



South Carolina Disability Partners in Disaster Coalition



Young Professionals Group



Reaching underserved communities

- Sequoia Commins, Tri-County Independent Living
- Tessa Hickman, Valley Associates for Independent Living



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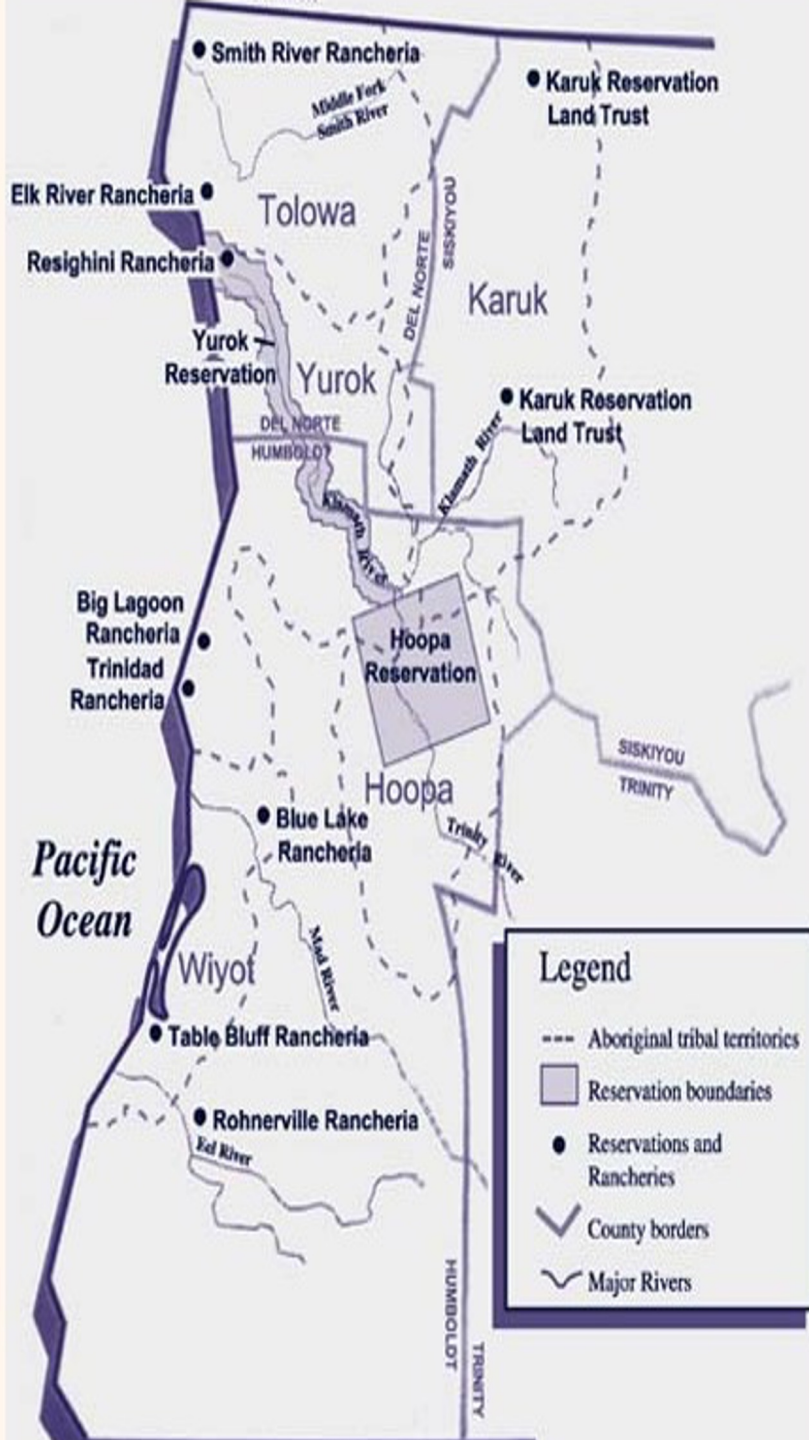
<https://www.tolowa-nsn.gov/>

Elk Valley Rancheria

<https://elk-valley.com/>

Yurok Tribe

<https://www.yuroktribe.org/>



A Quick Fact

- Del Norte County has 9.7% reported demographic of Native American persons (April 2021)

All Topics	Humboldt County, California	Eureka city, California	Del Norte County, California
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	6.4%	1.7%	9.7%

**Our Work is
Important!**

Coordinating with Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation



Authenticity

Respect

Patience

Humility

Left: Seal of Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation Right: Tolowa Dunes State
Park

Community is Everything



Left: Tri-County
Independent Living Del
Norte Grand Opening

Honoring
communities that
came before us
honors the future as
well

Examples of Collaboration

→ **Sharing Resources**

Direct advertisement to proper tribal connections. Public facing and agency facing education and cultural priming

→ **Participating in Tabling Events**

Starting from the Elder Resource Fair

→ **Being Teachable**

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Politics

Disabled Youth Are More at Risk of Being Incarcerated

The school-to-prison pipeline for children with disabilities is a multi-layered problem.

BY RACHEL ANSPACH

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Building non-traditional relationships

- Hank Bostic, Disability Network Southwest Michigan
- Quinn Durrant, North West Georgia Center for Independent Living



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Building non-traditional relationships Continued

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Main takeaways and open discussion

- Rural outreach is thinking outside the box
- Non-traditional partners outside of disability network
- Bringing people from disability community together with non-disabled people
- Raising awareness that disability impacts us all
- Elevating disability culture and pride, especially with underserved and marginalized communities

How to get involved

- Become a mentee and join us for an in-person meeting in April!
- Problem-solve and strategize with the RCLD team
- Get support to use RCLD resources

- Contact Rayna Sage rayna.sage@umontana.edu or drop your contact in the chat

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