

Living Life in the Community: The Role of Transportation in Inclusion



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WE want what YOU want

To live our lives as fully as possible in typical neighborhoods in typical communities



We need transportation

To be able to:

- fulfill civic responsibilities
- serve as a volunteer
- go shopping
- enjoy a park
- join a club
- spend time with friends
- enjoy our community



But most of all we need
transportation so we can

WORK



NO TRANSPORTATION?

Don't bother with the programs

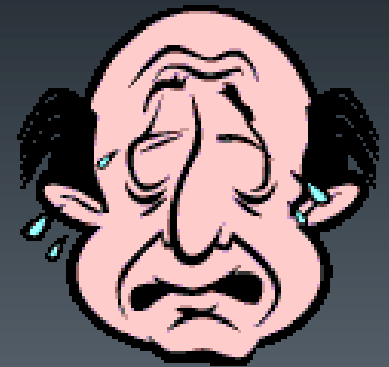
People have to get to where they need to go!

Without transportation, all of the dedicated effort to provide support may be wasted



THE TRUE BUT SAD REALITY

It is pointless to invest time, energy, and money in preparing people for life experiences that will forever be inaccessible



Why?

There may be a baseball game in town...

But... Unless I spend \$16 for a taxi (I also pay for the cost of the program), 1-2 hours of programming is not a valuable experience for me.

I can't afford it.



Even more...



- My parents and friends can find me a great job so that I can be part of the community
- Without a ride there, I am spending 2 hours of my wages on a taxi and then giving back half of my earnings to ODSP
- If I work 4 hours at minimum wage = \$40... then take off \$16 for taxi... then take off \$20 for ODSP...

I will have worked 4 hours for around \$4. It makes me feel sad and not very included. Am I the only one who feels this way?

How can you help us...



- ...get to work?
- ...get more grants and funds for transportation?
- ...partner in the use of your vehicles?
- ...partner with other community resources to strengthen services?
- ...navigate our community without a local bus?
- ...with the high cost of taxis?
- ...feel included in our community?