

# **Transportation Guidelines to Consider During Transition**

## **Main Messages for Students and Families**

### **Transportation is essential for employment and independence in life.**

- Reliable, accessible, and affordable transportation is critical for individuals with disabilities to access competitive integrated employment, education, healthcare, and community life.

### **Early transportation planning and training are key.**

- Students should begin transportation planning as part of their transition IEP, including assessing their needs, exploring available options, building travel skills, and collaborating with schools, families, and transportation providers.

### **Funding is available.**

- There are ways to support the cost of transportation including local, state, and federal options. Vocational Rehabilitation is a great source for vehicle modification and short-term payment for public and private travel costs.

### **Advocacy efforts can improve access and promote local options.**

- Local advocacy groups, comprised of transportation providers, local policymakers, and individuals with disabilities and their families can advocate for expanded transportation solutions. Efforts to establish or expand employer-provided transportation, accessible public transportation routes, autonomous vehicles, and accessible Uber/Lyft vehicles can help address transportation gaps.

### **Explore all options available in your community.**

- Depending on what is available within a community, there may be many options to explore, including public transit, ride-share services, churches, neighbors, co-workers, friends, family, and more.

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