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# Transportation Options for Employment after Graduation

Fact Sheet 2



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**Planning for your future is important.**

**Getting around independently is an important part of being an adult.**

This information sheet describes the transportation options available to individuals with intellectual disabilities. Consider these options as you plan for work, volunteering and to get around for medical appointments and fun.

*How a person gets to work is an important part of finding the right job.*

*Getting to work is an important cost to consider.*

Each person's community offers a different array of transportation options. Ask other people how they get to work to learn more about the options in your community.



**Walk or ride a bike to work and community locations.**



**Family, Friends, Neighbors and Co-Workers/Carpooling** — Natural supports should be considered. Maybe someone from your religious establishment would be willing to drive you for a small fee.



**Commuter Services** — Arrange commuter services by contacting Commuter Services of PA at [www.commutepa.org](http://www.commutepa.org). Check out their online ride sharing database.



### **Driving** – Obtain your driver’s license.

- Contact your teacher for information about obtaining your license.
- Contact your Supports Coordinator for information and resources about driving.
- The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) can also provide assistance with this. OVR can provide funding for driving lessons.
- Who can teach me how to drive? This could be a parent, close relative, or a community driving school. Here are a few to help you get started:

[Platinum Driving School and License Testing Center](#): 1119 Harrisburg Pike Carlisle, PA 17103 **717-386-3668**

**First Class Percussion**: 201 Ross Ave, New Cumberland, PA 17070  
**717-979-3786**

[Shield Driving School](#): 6047 Allentown Blvd, Ste B112, Harrisburg, PA 17112  
**717-329-5215**

**Dave Shepherd’s Driving School**: 310 Heister Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17110  
**717-319-7956**



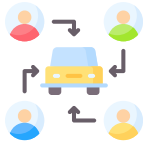
### **Public Buses** - Consider riding the bus.

Buses run on a regular basis. Bus routes go from local businesses, colleges, shopping centers and restaurants throughout the community.

If you need help learning to ride the public bus, contact your Supports Coordinator.



**Taxi/Uber/Lyft** – A taxicab, Uber, or Lyft can provide trips to and from work and to other activities in the community for a fee.



**Intellectual Disabilities System** – The Intellectual Disabilities System can provide funding and transportation services as a last resort. Options that can be considered are:

**Private Provider of Transportation Services**—payment of a per mileage rate

**Private Provider of Group Transportation Services**

**Share-A-Ride**— door-to-door service for folks unable to ride the bus

- Contact your **Supports Coordinator** for information about Intellectual Disabilities Services and funding.
- Contact the **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation** for information about work.
- Contact **Social Security** for more information about work incentives, including funding options.



**Everyone who works has transportation costs.**

**How much does it cost to get to work?**

Owning an Automobile	Average cost per day* (gas, maintenance, insurance & parking)	\$21 a day
Privately paid ride service	Per trip one way	\$5 - \$20 per trip
Owning a Bicycle	Upfront costs (bike, helmet, lock, lights, tires) **	\$ 225 - \$300 purchase \$25 annually
Rabbit Transit Bus Pass		\$77 per month

## Other Considerations:

**Paratransit Program**—If a person is unable to use the fixed bus route because of his or her disability, the transportation authority provides Paratransit service. In this area, this service is provided by Rabbit Transit Shared—Ride. This service is provided wherever the regular bus service operates and during the same day and hours. Once approved for Paratransit service, an individual can travel to any destination along the regular bus route.

**Rural Transportation Program for Persons with Disabilities (PWD)** - Rabbit Transit operates a variety of transportation services in Harrisburg, Cumberland County, and Dauphin County. The SET program provides door-to-door service for qualified persons, in the areas and at the times when bus service is generally available. This service is intended to fulfill the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The service is *shared ride* in nature. That means that you will likely be riding with others, and that other individuals may be picked up and dropped off before you reach your destination. Call the Rabbit Transit office at 1-800-632-9063 and ask to be sent an application. The application requires the signature of a medical or human services professional to become certified. The passenger may be accompanied by a Personal Care Attendant (at no charge). Additional companions may ride on a “space available” basis. Contact your Supports Coordinator for additional information about PWD.

**Shared-Ride** –Door to door service in the areas and at times when bus service is generally available. Individuals are eligible if they are unable to use regular buses or unable to travel to and from a bus stop, due to physical or mental disability. An application is necessary and requires certification by a medical professional. Contact Rabbit Transit at 1-800-632-906 for more information.

**Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP)** - MATP provides transportation to medical appointments for individuals who receive Medical Assistance, and who do not have regular transportation. Transportation can be provided to doctor’s offices, clinics, therapists, outpatient services, mental health centers, a psychologist and or ambulatory surgical services. An individual can also get mileage reimbursement if they use their own car or find someone who gives them a ride. Mileage reimbursement is paid per mile. ***For more information, contact:***

**Cumberland County, contact (717) 846-7433**

**Dauphin County, contact (717) 232-7009**

**Perry County, contact (717) 846-7433**