A Conversation on Transportation

National Center on Secondary Education and Transition

and

Easter Seals Project ACTION

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Easter Seals Project ACTION

- National Technical Assistance Program
- Promote cooperation between the transportation industry and the disability community to increase mobility for people with disabilities
- Provide training, technical assistance, resources, and products at no cost
Transportation Challenges for Young Adults

- We overlook the importance of planning for transportation services
- We are unfamiliar with using public transportation services ourselves
- We are unfamiliar with public transportation service operations
- We gravitate toward specialized services
Transportation Challenges for Young Adults

- We do not equate bus familiarization, travel training or orientation, and mobility services with driver’s education

- We live in communities with limited or no transportation services

- We are unfamiliar with private transportation options

- We are concerned about personal safety
Transportation Answers for Adults

- Public and private transportation providers understand that people with disabilities are a large share of their customer base.
- Public and private transportation providers work every day to meet the letter of the law.
- Many providers are proud to work every day to meet the spirit of the law.
- Easter Seals Project ACTION connects members of the disability community and transportation industry to improve local services.
Resources: Clearinghouse

- Over 70 free print, video, and audio products for use in pre-service and in-service education
- Alternative formats available
- Materials cover a wide range of topics: ADA rights and responsibilities, customer education, transit personnel education, transportation coordination strategies, technology, and more.
Resources: Research and Funding Opportunities

- Annual funding cycle begins with solicitation for statements of need
- Areas include technical research/demonstration, curriculum development, and marketing projects
- RFPs issued for selected projects
- Previous and current projects include: Accessible pedestrian signal curriculum, K-8 curriculum, and benefits of travel instruction and training
Resources: Toll-Free Information Line

- Information about the ADA and accessible public transportation
- Referrals to other resources, organizations, and subject matter experts
- 800-659-6428
Resources: Web Site
Resources: Newsletter

- Free bimonthly print or electronic newsletter
- Information on ESPA activities, updates in the field, training events and conferences
Resources: Training and Technical Assistance

- People on the Move
- Mobility Planning Services
- Travel Training
- On-site and telephone technical assistance
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Questions and Answers