

Volunteer Driver TurnKey Kit

Planning Implementation Evaluation



Transit Options Booklet How To Use The CD

What is the Senior Transportation “Drop In The Facts” CD? The Transportation Options CD provides a framework from which to inventory and assess existing transportation options, gaps, and needs. The options booklet, once completed, will identify all the transportation options that are available to seniors in the typical community.

Why is it Valuable? The CD is a tool that describes the “who, what, where, when, and how” of existing transportation options in any given community. The completed options booklet can help build community awareness about transportation for seniors and can be useful to seniors for transportation planning and to family and professional caregivers who can assist in mobility decisions.

Who can use the Booklet? The transportation options booklet can be used by any community as a template to identify existing options and to organize them into a customized booklet that can be made available in print and/or electronic form. The template uses a standardized format for collecting and profiling information about available transportation services.

How is the Template Customized? The template (a formatted electronic file) is user friendly and is designed to allow data to be easily input by just about anyone. Although a comprehensive listing of options is included, the template can be customized: there is built in flexibility to allow services that are listed in the template but don’t exist in a given community to be deleted and unique options to be inserted. In addition, supportive materials are contained on the CD for providing additional information to the community. All materials can be modified, enhanced or deleted.

What is Included on the CD? The CD includes instructions for using the template, the fonts used in creating the booklet, and the following materials in Microsoft Word format:

Template: Transportation Options Booklet –to use in creating a transportation options booklet that can be customized for any community. The following are included in the template:

- Introduction
- Table of Contents
- True/False Quiz
- Caregiver Considerations
- Categorized and customizable senior transportation options directory



- True/False Quiz Answers
- Transportation Facts
- Index of Supplemental Transportation Programs for Seniors (STPs) Options

Supportive Materials

- Instructions for developing your customized Booklet
- Local Sources to Tap for Transportation
- Transportation Program Profile (to gather data from local programs)
- Sample Quotes from Seniors (may be included in customized booklet)
- Sample Media Release (to launch project)
- Optional Booklet Preface: “Senior Transportation for Some is...”

What are the Options? A listing of typical options for seniors in a “transportation rich” community is illustrated below.

Menu of Senior Transportation Options

Automobile

Public Transit

- Fixed Route (Buses, Subways, Train)
- Circulation Route
- Deviated Fixed Route
- Community shuttles & jitneys
- Voucher/discount programs

Paratransit

ADA transit

- Demand Response (Dial-A-Ride)
- Private Transit
- Taxis
- Limousines
- Chauffeur services

Specialized Transit

- Hospital-based transit programs
- Shuttles (to supermarkets, shopping, and services)
- Senior Center transit
- Adult Day Care transit
- Senior Community Transit
- Church-based programs
- Volunteer Driver Programs (Red Cross, Cancer Society)

Pedestrian Transit

- Walking for purpose
- Walking for pleasure

Information and Education

- I & R services (DMV, Auto Club)
- Mobility managers
- Information resources
- Driver improvement programs (refresher)
- Driver assessment and rehabilitation programs
- Driver licensing regulations