

TRAVEL TRAINING

Travel Training is offered to people who do not qualify for TARPS or for people who do qualify but want to learn the fixed route system, so they can enjoy the convenience and independence of traveling on fixed route public transportation. Travel Training is a self-paced process where an individual, regardless of ability or age, can learn to ride the public transportation system. Travel Training instructors are skilled in assisting persons who are physically or mentally disabled. Instructors assist trainees in overcoming fears and building confidence so they can use the least restrictive mode of public transportation systems to the fullest extent possible. If appropriate, the Travel Trainer will work with an individual's case manager or others to help the individual succeed in travel training.

Travel training will provide individuals with essential travel skills, such as:

- Obtaining bus system information and assistance
- Reading bus schedules
- Route training
- Trip planning
- Street crossing
- Boarding and exiting buses
- Paying the fare
- Using a wheelchair lift
- Securing a wheelchair or other mobility device
- Making a transfer
- Knowing how to signal the driver to stop or for assistance
- Knowing how to handle travel disruptions
- Using appropriate social and communication skills
- Personal safety and stranger awareness
- Emergency skills

There are many benefits of learning to ride the TARTA fixed route system such as:

- Greater independence
- Convenient travel schedule
- Saving money
- Increased sense of confidence and self-reliance
- Increased community involvement

If you are interested in Travel Training, please fill out the following application and fax or mail the application to...

