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"Helping individuals with disabilities to choose, find and keep employment"

***Action Steps to Employment:
Transportation Planning***

When planning for employment, it is very important to think about how you will get back and forth to work. You and your counselor will identify your needs and the options available to you.

- **Assess Your Needs**
 - Will you travel independently?
 - Will someone reliably drive you?
 - Will your job be on a bus line or are you within ¾ of a mile of a bus stop?
 - Do you need to learn how to travel by bus?
 - Is your job within walking or biking distance?
 - Do you need to take a driver's education class?
 - Do you need to obtain a learner's permit?
 - Do you need to obtain a driver's license?
 - Do you need to learn how to drive?
 - Do you need adaptive equipment to drive?
 - Do you have a vehicle available to you?
 - Have you considered how you will pay for insurance, repairs and gasoline?

- **Identify Resources to Meet Your Needs**
 - Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA)
 - www.ripta.com – schedules, information
 - Bus pass
 - ADA paratransit programs (RIDE)
 - www.ripta.com/riders-with-disabilities/
 - Bus routes
 - Travel training
 - Driver evaluation
 - Driver education
 - Driver training
 - Handicapped Parking Placard (apply at the DMV)
 - <https://dmv.ri.gov>
 - Adaptive equipment (such as hand controls, swivel seats)
 - Adapting a vehicle you have purchased

- **Decide how you will get to work and how you will pay for transportation costs.**

- **Include this information when developing your employment plan.**