



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

“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 your job be on a busline?
 - Do you need to learn how to travel by bus?
 - Will you need support 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 need a wheelchair transported?
 - Have you considered how you will pay for insurance, repairs and gasoline?

- **Identify Resources to Meet Your Needs**
 - Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (See RIPTA Fact Sheet)
 - Bus pass
 - ADA paratransit programs
 - Bus routes
 - Travel training
 - Driver evaluation
 - Driver education
 - Driver training
 - Handicapped Parking Placard
 - Adaptive equipment (such as hand controls, car topper)
 - Adapting a vehicle you have purchased
 - Other options

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

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