

# Fostering Independence: Transportation

As students with special needs enter adulthood, it is time to think about how they will get to a job, volunteer site, day program, or other activity. Individuals with special needs and their parents or guardians should have these conversations at home and with educators at their public schools. Here are some points to keep in mind on that road to independence.



## Paratransit

- What services are provided by your regional transportation provider?
- Eligibility and cost details



## Transition planning at school

- Assess individual abilities
- Travel options
- Schedules
- Travel training

## Driver's license

- Written test
- Learner's permit
- Driver road test
- Auto insurance
- Vehicle purchase/lease



## Public transportation

- Pick up and drop off points
- Transit schedules
- Tokens and discounts
- Plans for inclement weather



## Other transportation options

- Car pool
- Walk
- Hired driver
- Taxi cab
- Bike

## Safety Concerns

- Proper identification
- Contact with strangers
- Handling money
- Cell phone safety
- Emergency contact
- Awareness of surroundings
- Plan for "what if" situations
- Problem solving strategies
- Pedestrian safety

