

Helpful Resources for Organizations Developing Travel Instruction Programs

Introduction

Travel instruction is the professional activity of teaching individuals with disabilities, seniors, and others how to use public transportation independently to access their environment and community. One form of travel instruction is travel training, which is an intensive, individualized, one-on-one process to help someone gain the knowledge and skills needed to use transit independently and safely.

The Massachusetts Travel Instruction Network consists of travel trainers and travel instruction program leaders from across Massachusetts. Together, the network has compiled sample materials to help organizations that are starting a travel instruction program of their own.

However, **these materials by themselves are not sufficient to ensure a high-quality, safe travel instruction program.** The network also recommends that you seek out experienced travel trainers, attend in-person training from experts, and spend time shadowing experienced travel trainers in the field.

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Sample Forms

Sample forms including intake, assessment, evaluation, emergency planning, and more:

https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B_nsVZSWKJribDJnNEd4b1M2NjA&usp=sharing

Suggested Links

- Easter Seals Project ACTION: www.projectaction.org/Training/TravelTraining.aspx
- Association of Travel Instruction: www.travelinstruction.org
- Consortium for the Educational Advancement of Travel Instruction: <http://www.ceati-travelinstruction.org/>
- Massachusetts travel instruction resources from MassMobility: www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/commissions-and-initiatives/hst/travel-instruction.html
- Kennedy Center in Connecticut: www.thekennedycenterinc.org/
- Travel training videos from the UK: www.merton.gov.uk/health-social-care/adult-social-care/disabled/independenttravel.htm
- America Walks webinars: [americawalks.org/america-walks-webinar-and-forum-archives/](http://www.americawalks.org/america-walks-webinar-and-forum-archives/)
 - In particular, see webinars 9 and 10 and forum 6
- Webinars on accessible signals and other topics from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center: www.pedbikeinfo.org/training/webinars_PBIC_LC.cfm
- MIT AgeLab AGNES video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=czuww9rp5f4
- Street crossing resources: www.sauerburger.org/dona/cross.htm
- Streetfilms videos: www.youtube.com/user/StreetfilmsVlog/videos
- MTM/Project ACTION webinar: <http://www.mtm-inc.net/on-the-move-webinar/>

Programs outside of Massachusetts

- RTA of Chicago: www.rtachicago.com/accessibility/travel-training.html
- RideWise, Portland: www.rideconnection.org/ride/Services/RideWise.aspx
- Edmonton, Canada's resources for immigrants: www.edmonton.ca/transportation/ets/riding_ets/newcomers-program.aspx

Useful Apps

- Circle of 6 safety app: www.circleof6app.com

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