

# Accessible Transportation Fact Sheet

Due to WV's rural setting accessible transportation is Seriously lacking for the 13.9 % of West Virginian's who live with a disability.

The lack of sufficient access to: Mass transit, Paratransit, Ride shares, Modifications to their own vehicles and other modes of transportation needed for everyday life creates barriers for those wanting to live a full and independent life.

Benefits of accessible transportation include:

- **Accessible transportation can help the economy**  
Research shows that accessible transportation can help local economies.
- **Accessible transportation can reduce isolation**  
Accessible transportation can help people with disabilities feel less isolated and can improve their mental health.
- **Accessible transportation can improve health**  
Accessible transportation can help people with disabilities get to medical appointments, which can improve their health.
- **Accessible transportation can improve food choices**  
Accessible transportation can help people with disabilities get to the grocery store, which can improve their food choices and health.
- **Accessible transportation can improve employment opportunities**  
Accessible transportation can help people with disabilities get to work, which can improve their employment opportunities.
- **Accessible transportation can improve income equity**  
Accessible transportation can help people with disabilities get to work reliably, which can improve income equity.
- **Accessible transportation can improve access to services**  
Accessible transportation can help people with disabilities access basic services and rights.

***It is Fair Shake Initiative's goal to start a conversation with policymakers to find ways to expand and enhance the availability of accessible transportation.***



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