

The bus buddies

Leo, 22, loves jokes. He has Down syndrome.

Maya, 21, loves drawing. She is deaf.

Jay, 23, loves space. He is autistic.

Sam, 24, loves soccer and uses a wheelchair.

Nina, 22, loves animals.

Our mission: practice a trip to work or training.



Which bus is ours?

Hillsborough: HART 813-254-4278

Pinellas: PSTA 727-540-1900

Pasco: GoPasco 727-834-3322

Manatee: MCAT 941-747-8621

Sarasota: Breeze 941-861-5000

Your turn: find your county and trip-help number.

Jay's trip detective game

Jay's mission: plan the whole trip.

Write the address and arrival time.

Check the bus, direction and any transfer.

Plan the ride home. Check the last bus.

Practice with a trusted person or job coach.

Quick quiz: do we plan the trip home, too?



Leo's bus match

Leo asks, "Is this our bus?"

Wait at the marked stop.

Match the route number and destination.

Let riders off before you board.

Ask the driver for a ramp or help if needed.



Role-play: "Does this bus go to my stop?"

Sam is ready to ride

Sam checks the fare before leaving.

Bring accepted payment and any required ID.

Use the same card for Flamingo fare caps.

SunRunner is cashless.

Keep aisles clear. Follow the driver's instructions.



Quick quiz: can you pay cash on SunRunner?

Maya's stop-spotting game

Maya watches for her stop.

Check your location. Ask for help if unsure.

Press the stop button before your stop.

Wait until the bus stops. Take your belongings.

After the bus leaves, use a safe crossing.



Your turn: point to a stop button, then practice asking for help.

The team's help kit

1. Ask which application you need: a discount, pass or paratransit.
2. Gather the ID and documents the agency requests.
3. Get help with the form. Keep a copy.
4. Wait for approval before counting on the service.

True or false: a disability means automatic approval.

Sam's reserved-ride mission

For approved paratransit trips:

Give pickup and destination addresses.

Say when you need to arrive and what help you need.

Book the ride home. Confirm the pickup window.

Check fare, service area and cancellation rules.



Partner game: practice booking the trip there and back.

Nina's plan B

Oh no! The bus has gone.

Stay somewhere safe. Check the next trip.

Tell your job coach or employer about the delay.

Use the backup ride you agreed on.

Keep a trusted contact on paper and in your phone.



Choose: chase the bus, or pause and use plan B?

Your turn: a practice trip

Where and when? _____

Bus, stop and direction? _____

Fare, payment and any transfer? _____

Ride home and last bus? _____

Help or backup contact? _____

Practice partner and date? _____

You're the trip detective! Check your plan with your coach.