



## Information for Patients & Families

### Transportation: Getting Around

Learning to use transportation can be a sign of **independence** and **freedom**. Being able to get around will allow you the freedom to hang out with friends, participate in community activities, get to your job, as well as medical appointments. The first step is to get information about different transportation options, and then decide what is **best for you!**

- **Public Transportation:** For information on travel times, routes, and maps in Chicago and surrounding areas call 836-7000 from any area code or go to [www.rtachicago.com](http://www.rtachicago.com)
- **ParaTransit Service:** This is a curb to curb transportation for people with disabilities.
- **Travel Training:** A program that teaches persons with disabilities how to ride on the public transportation. It provides training and practice that will help you feel **comfortable** and **confident** riding independently.
- **ADA Certification:** In order to use the ParaTransit or Travel Training Programs you must apply for an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Certification. For **ADA Certification** call 1-312-663-4357.
- **Reduced Fare Permit Card:** You may be eligible for a reduced fare permit card if you have a disability. Call 1-312-913-3110 or go to <http://www.rtachicago.com>.
- **Transportation Services by Public Aid:** To set up a ride you must call **First Transit** at 1-877-725-0569 or visit <http://www.firsttransit.com/>. This service may **only** be used for **medical appointments**, so it is important to learn how to use other transportation services to get to all of your other activities!
- **Driving:** Driving may be an option available for some individuals. Rehabilitation centers can provide evaluation, classroom and behind the wheel teaching. If you are in high school, speak with the driving program at school to learn about their options.
- **Persons with Disabilities Parking Cards/Plates:** Applications are available at local Driver Service Facilities, online at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com), or by contacting the Secretary of State at 1-800-252-2904. Your doctor must also complete the certification form.