

AMENDMENT A

Amendment to the Hudson County Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan

In the original Plan the issue of travel training was not addressed. At a stakeholders meeting, in 2012, it was agreed that Travel Training should have been included in the Plan. The following Amendment addresses that issue;

Program Description-Travel Training

The Hudson County Travel Independence Program (HC TIP) will meet the need identified in the Hudson County Coordinated Plan and provide an aggressive public awareness campaign to better educate the targeted population to the availability of fixed route buses. HC TIP will provide two services: 1) travel training for individuals with disabilities and, 2) Train-the-Trainer travel training classes for vocational rehabilitation professionals employed by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and other social service agencies.

Travel training will include small group instruction and escorted trips. Each group (4-8 persons with disabilities) will participate in two classroom sessions to learn about the availability of fixed route buses and basic travel skills. Subsequently, participants will make two bus trips with the instructor to practice the skills taught in the classroom.

Train-the-Trainer classes will be held for employees of DVR and other local agencies. These vocational rehabilitation professionals will become more aware of the availability of fixed route buses and skills to teach their clients with disabilities to use public transportation to travel to jobs in Hudson County, neighboring counties and in New York City.

NJ TIP Inc. has designed and will implement HC TIP. During the two-year project period, the two-pronged approach of training persons with disabilities and vocational rehabilitation professionals will result in 260 persons with disabilities learning to use public transportation to commute to jobs and participate in community activities. The benefits of HC TIP will continue well into the future: participants with disabilities will continue to take transit for years to come and the vocational rehabilitation professionals will continue to impart their transit knowledge to many future clients with disabilities.