



Massachusetts
Councils On Aging

Building a Dementia-Friendly Transportation System

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Age Friendly VS Dementia Friendly Transportation Systems

- Creating a transportation system that provides access for people of ALL ages (18)

“Specialized transportation is available for disabled people.”



World Health Organization

“A DF Transportation system goes beyond senior friendliness to consider the special needs of passengers with all stages of memory loss”

Florida Dept. of Transportation

Characteristics of DF Transportation System

- *Don't keep them driving longer*
- *No stigma of public transportation to overcome*
- *100 percent dependent on escorted transportation*
- *Regional Transportation Systems*
- *COA Transportation Services*
- *Village and other Volunteer Drivers (3,177)*
- *Other community based services*



What needs to be Done? It is all about the drivers!

- *Reduce Fear and Stigma*
- *Raise Awareness: **What are the 10 signs of dementia***
- *Train direct service transportation providers/escorts how to work with people living with dementia*
- *Create communication systems to provide feedback **especially about changes in behavior***



Where Can You get the FREE Training?

Alzheimer's Association®,
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24/7 Helpline: 800.272.3900

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10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease

- Memory loss that disrupts daily life
- Challenges in planning or solving problems
- Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, work or leisure
- Confusion with time or place
- Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
- New problems with words in speaking or writing
- Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
- Decreased or poor judgement
- Withdrawal from work or social activities
- Changes in mood and personality

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