

DRIVE: Transporting Older and Disabled Passengers¹ Courses offered in the State of Ohio Fact Sheet

Courses For Drivers:

DRIVE: Transporting Older and Disabled Passengers

- An 8 hour, hands-on course for **drivers**.
- Must be taught by an active DRIVE Trainer (see below-who is listed on the active DRIVE trainer list).
- Content is required by ODA for transportation providers in both the Medicaid Waiver PASSPORT and OAA Title III services.
- ODOT requires all drivers from transit systems, coordination projects, and Specialized Transportation Program agencies to have some type of passenger assistance training within six months of being hired. The DRIVE training meets this requirement.
- The Ohio Emergency Medical Services Division of the Dept. of Public Safety requires passenger assistance training for drivers in the Ambulette regulated programs and the DRIVE training fulfills this requirement.
- Curriculum includes 9 topics: Driver Responsibilities, Perceptions of Aging, Understanding Impairments, Common Diseases(optional), Using Assistive Equipment(optional), Assisting Passengers in Wheelchairs, Assisting Passengers to Sit or Stand, Wheelchair Lift Operations and Wheelchair Securement & Preventing the Spread of Infections & Pests.

DRIVE: Refresher for Drivers

- 4 hour course designed as a refresher for **drivers** who completed the DRIVE course three or more years earlier. Refresher does not stand alone, but builds upon the eight hour DRIVE course.
- Must be taught by an active DRIVE Trainer (see below-who is listed on the active DRIVE trainer list.)
- The curriculum contains 6 topics: Review of Driver Responsibilities, Understanding Dementia, Review of Assisting Passengers in Wheelchairs, Review of Assisting Passengers to Sit or Stand, Review of Wheelchair Lift Operations; and Wheelchair Securement, Challenging Situations.

Courses for Trainers:

DRIVE: Train-the-Trainer Course

- Ohio Departments of Aging sponsors **Train-the-Trainer** sessions periodically. The course has limited slots each **a year**. Because the course is subsidized by ODA, **attendance is limited** to drivers in programs it funds.
- The course is **two days** (16 hours) and held in **Columbus**. It teaches **trainers** to use the DRIVE curriculum. Trainers must participate in the full 16 hours. Trainers are then certified to train drivers in their agencies using this curriculum. They **are not** certified to train other trainers.
- Those on the Active DRIVE Trainers list sign a Curriculum Use Agreement and agree to comply with its terms.

DRIVE: Trainer Update Course--

- Provides TRAINERS with new, updated and expanded curriculum and materials.
- Trainers must take the Trainer Update Course **every three years** in order to remain an active DRIVE Trainer. Trainers are contacted by mail when they are due for the Update Course.
- **Offered once a year** in Columbus

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