

# DRIVE: Transporting Older and Disabled Passengers<sup>1</sup>

## Courses offered in the State of Ohio

### *Fact Sheet*

#### Courses For Drivers:

##### **DRIVE Fundamentals Course Parts A & B: Transporting Older and Disabled Passengers**

- Two four hour, hands-on courses which together comprise the 8 hour Fundamentals 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 Fundamentals training meets this requirement.
- The Ohio Emergency Medical Services requires passenger assistance training for drivers in the Ambulette regulated programs and the DRIVE Fundamentals training fulfills this requirement.
- Curriculum includes 7 topics: Driver Responsibilities, Infection & Pest Control, Understanding Impairments, Using Assistive Equipment, Assisting Passengers in Wheelchairs, Assisting Passengers to Sit or Stand, & Wheelchair Lift Operations and Wheelchair Securement.

##### **DRIVE Course: *Optional Modules: Special Situations and Populations***

- DRIVE Optional Module: Understanding Common Diseases (One Hour)
- DRIVE Optional Module: Making Decisions in Challenging Situations (Two Hours)
- DRIVE Optional Module: Transporting Young Passengers with Special Needs (One Hour)
- DRIVE Optional Module: Transporting Passengers with Developmental Disorders (Two Hours)
- DRIVE Optional Module: Transporting Passengers With Mental Illness (Two Hours)

#### Courses for Trainers:

##### **DRIVE: Train-the-Trainer Course**

- Ohio Departments of Aging sponsors **Train-the-Trainer** sessions periodically. The course has limited slots each **year**. Because the course is subsidized by ODA, **attendance is prioritized** to drivers in programs it funds.
- The course is **three days** and held in **Columbus**. It teaches **trainers** to use the DRIVE curriculum. Trainers must participate in the full Train the Trainer Course. 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 twice a year** in Columbus

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