

Next steps

- Offer individualized public transportation training for I/DD riders and cognitive and behavioral support training for caregivers, attendants and drivers.
- Work with Paratransit to expand service
- Explore coordination of I/DD agency transportation services
- Investigate NEMT (non-emergent medical transportation) brokerage for the County.
- Add transportation as a service to the HCBS I/DD waiver.
- Advocate for transportation support from local governments

“Once a person accomplishes getting somewhere on their own, that usually is such a door opener: their confidence, their abilities, they believe they can. They see themselves differently; I can instead of I can’t”

-SCDDO Affiliate Agency

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Transportation Assessment

Assessing the Capacity to Meet Transportation Needs of Persons who Experience Intellectual and Developmental Disability in Sedgwick County

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“Perhaps no other barrier inhibits community inclusion more than the lack of appropriate, accessible, and available transportation.”

-Sherman & Sherman (2013)

Research Goal

Our goal is to contribute to an ongoing conversation with the SCDDO, persons served, caregivers, agencies and policymakers about how to best meet the transportation needs of individuals living in Sedgwick County.

Methods

Data: The SCDDO provided de-identified BASIS assessment data which helped investigators to understand the cognitive, behavioral and physical abilities of persons who experience I/DD.

Interviews: Case managers, directors and persons served provided insight on the costs and challenges associated with transportation.

14 agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 SCDDO affiliate organizations • 3 job training/placement agencies • 1 private organization not affiliated with the SCDDO
53 staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 case managers • 12 executive directors/program directors • 7 transportation/operations managers
22 persons served	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 receiving both day and residential services from affiliate organizations • 7 receiving only day services • 3 receiving only job training services

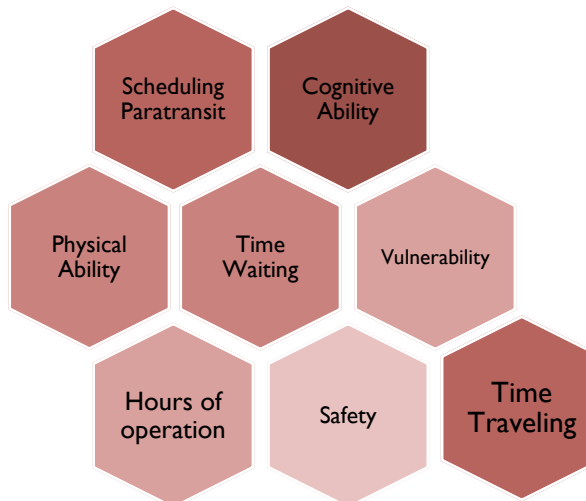
Results

- 8 out of every 10 persons served represented in BASIS are in need of total support to make a direct trip using public transportation.

BASIS Cognitive Ability & Total Support for Public Transport

	% Total Support
Unable read/comprehend simple sentence	74%
Unable perform simple addition & subtract	64%
Unable to understand 2-step directions	62%
Unable to distinguish left & right	58%
Unable to tell time to nearest 5 minutes	57%

Challenges of Accessing Public Transportation



Results (continued)

- The elimination of funding from Wichita Transit to SCDDO affiliate agencies resulted in:
 - New or increased fees
 - Smaller transportation service areas

2014	2015	2016
Wichita Transit did not complete a competitive bid for Paratransit services	Cost comparison determined that Wichita Transit would keep Paratransit "in house"	Agencies lost \$1.6 million in transportation funding

Monthly Transportation Fees

Agency	Day <i>or</i> Residential	Day <i>and</i> Residential
Arrowhead West	\$125	\$50
KETCH	\$147/\$174*	\$147
Dream Vision	\$100	\$50
New Hope	\$150	\$100
Starkey	\$125	\$125

*if distance traveled is ten miles or more