



Transit Planning 4 All

Project Wrap Up



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Project Objectives

- Create a steering committee made up of representatives from MCTS, MCDA, HHS, and six to eight community members from the disability and older adult community.
- Complete an Environmental scan of transportation options within Milwaukee County and Southeastern Wisconsin.
- Create recommendations for improving inclusion in transit planning in Milwaukee County.
- Host a conference/ round table meeting for transit stakeholders.



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Project Accomplishments

- Core Steering Committee members made up of four transit riders and two government agencies.
- Survey of riders and providers
 - Insightful questions written by transit riders
 - Modest participation during grant period, but plans to continue collection of responses after end of grant period.
- Partnership with the Transit Next and Milwaukee Street car projects
 - Both partners were willing to consider improvements to inclusion
 - Listening sessions specifically for older adults and persons with disabilities scheduled. Sessions were very well attended.
- Round table conference
 - World Café method used to open a dialogue between transit providers, advocates, and riders.
 - Well attended. Most participants valued the experience and discussion.



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Lessons Learned

- The grant period goes by quickly. Its important to be realistic with project plans.
 - One month to organize first Steering Committee Meeting.
 - Four months to plan and execute projects.
 - One month for debriefing.
- Connecting with existing groups/networking is essential
 - If your organization does not have a working network, it's important to reach out to those who do.
 - Networking and connecting should be a goal throughout the entire grant project.



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Sustainability

- Communication between transportation providers and advocates to continue through a shared e-mail list. An agreed upon topic of discussion will be improving communication and inclusiveness of older adults and persons with disabilities in programming.
- Department on Aging to continue Transit 4 All Steering Committee with meeting dates to be scheduled for 2019.
- Milwaukee County Transit Services will continue to partner with Department on Aging and schedule listening sessions and programs with MCDA.

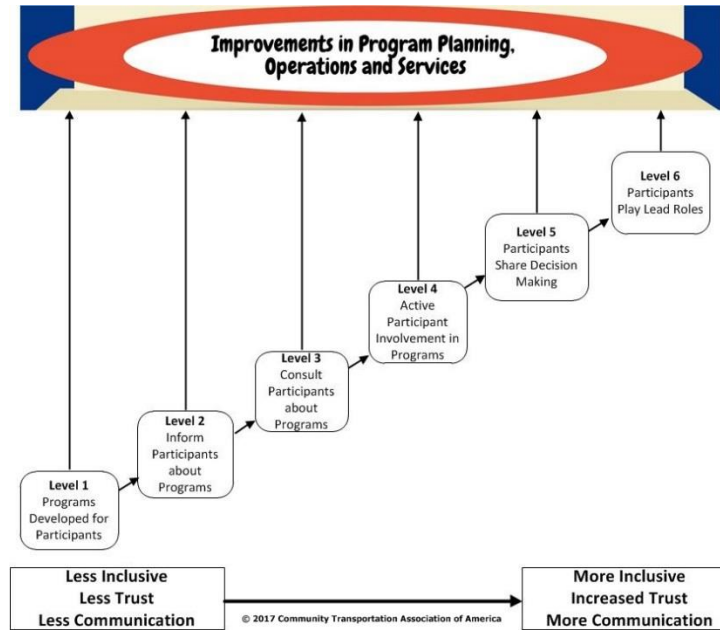


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Pathway to Inclusion Comparison



At the start of the project, Milwaukee County Department on Aging(MCDA) self-rated as being at Level 3 on the “Steps to Inclusion.” The goal was to move the Department one step up to a Level 4.

Aspects of MCDA operated at a Level 4 by the end of the project period, specifically, the transportation program. Continued growth is happening in other areas of the Department.

The Transit 4 All grant project operated at a Level 5 from the beginning to the end of the project.



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