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2022 Report Shows Climb Ride Program Improves Foster Care System Outcomes

Washington, D.C. – May 6, 2022. The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA), along with our partners EMBARK and the Oklahoma Transit Association, have released an in-depth look at the CLIMB Ride 2022 Program; an initiative funded through a *Transportation Innovation Grant* from the Arnall Family Foundation.

For more than two years, CTAA has worked together closely with these partners to improve transportation for families in Oklahoma County who have children in the foster care system. The Association is proud to announce this important program has effectively demonstrated that a public transit mobility solution can provide measurable outcome improvements when effectively paired with a social service system.

[This newly released report](#) offers a deep dive into the Climb Ride program's case studies, data and future. Throughout the report there is context offered to detail the program's history, which include information on: modes of trip delivery/purpose, the trauma training program developed for public transit operators and the exploration of a customizable tech dashboard to ease the rider's user experience.

"The Climb Ride program is a great example of how efficient, cost-effective transit networks can improve human services program outcomes and reduce costs," said Scott Bogren, CTAA Executive Director. "We look forward to seeing how the work done in Oklahoma City can be replicated across the country and further demonstrate how transit agencies bring real value to their community. We greatly appreciate the ongoing partnership with EMBARK, the Oklahoma Transit Association and the Arnall Family Foundation in the creation, development and operation of Climb Ride."

"One of EMBARK's core values is to Be There, which translates into showing up with our whole hearts - eager to learn and ready to serve our community and each other," said Jason Ferbrache, EMBARK Administrator. "The Climb Ride program is a reflection of our values in action. Already, we have seen lives change for the better. Public transportation is as essential as clean water to the wellbeing of modern communities. We know that where EMBARK's public transit services go, our community grows."

“We are very proud to see the positive impact the Climb Ride Program has had for families in Oklahoma County,” said Sue Ann Arnall, founder and president of the Arnall Family Foundation. “By removing transportation barriers and creating a collaborative model to support social service efforts, this program shortened the time to reunification of parents to their children while also proving how we can remove the barrier of transportation to benefit other vulnerable populations, including those affected by the criminal legal system.”

The Community Transportation Association, established in 1989, is a national non-profit, membership association committed to removing barriers to isolation and improving mobility for all people. The Association provides informational resources, technical assistance, training and certification, and many additional resources to communities, transportation providers, and other groups to increase mobility and improve the quality of community and public transportation.