

# **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 segments which together comprise the 8 hour DRIVE Fundamentals Course.
- Must be taught by an active DRIVE Trainer (see below-who is listed on the active DRIVE trainer list).
- A current certificate of completion is issued by the DRIVE Trainer to the participant which is valid for 3 years.
- 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 complete a passenger assistance training . The DRIVE Fundamentals training meets this requirement.
- Ohio Board of Emergency, Medical, Fire & Transportation Services(EMFSTS) requires passenger assistance training for drivers in the Ambulette regulated programs. The DRIVE Fundamentals training fulfills this requirement.
- DRIVE Fundamentals 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 Optional Modules: Special Situations and Populations**

- DRIVE Optional Module: Understanding Common Impairments & Diseases (Two Hours)
- 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)

#### **Course for Trainers:**

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

- Ohio Departments of Aging sponsors the DRIVE 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.
- Active DRIVE Trainers must complete an update course every 3<sup>rd</sup> year to continue use the curriculum to train drivers.
- Those on the Active DRIVE Trainers list sign a Curriculum Use Agreement & agree to comply with its terms.

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