

Building Partnerships Across Education & Transit

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Four Functional Areas to Help Local Organizations Build Accessible Transportation Capacity

- **Training Events** – travel training, webinars, online training
- **Technical Assistance** – 800#, email, in-person coalition building events
- **Applied Research** – fund catalyst and gap filling programs to stimulate academic inquiry and leverage new product development
- **Outreach** – build awareness & create partnerships



Building Cross-Disciplinary Coalitions:

- Disability community and families
- Public and private transportation industry
- Government
- Human service agencies
- Advocacy and professional associations
- Technical assistance intermediaries
- K12 schools and higher education



Voices from Youth

I feel like I am independent. I don't need to depend on my mom and dad to take me places. Now I can ride the bus to get to my job and to the movies with my friends.

These are some of the reactions from youth and adults with disabilities who have gained independence and mobility due to the simple fact that they can now get a ride to work, school, the mall or the library.

Transit Can Leverage Interests of Educators and Schools By:

- Identifying strategic interests of schools because:
 - Potential resources and funding
 - Represents the commitment of educators
 - Reflects their accountability focus
- Looking for opportunities to work together

Why is Transportation Education Important to Students, Families, Educators, and Schools?

College and Career Readiness

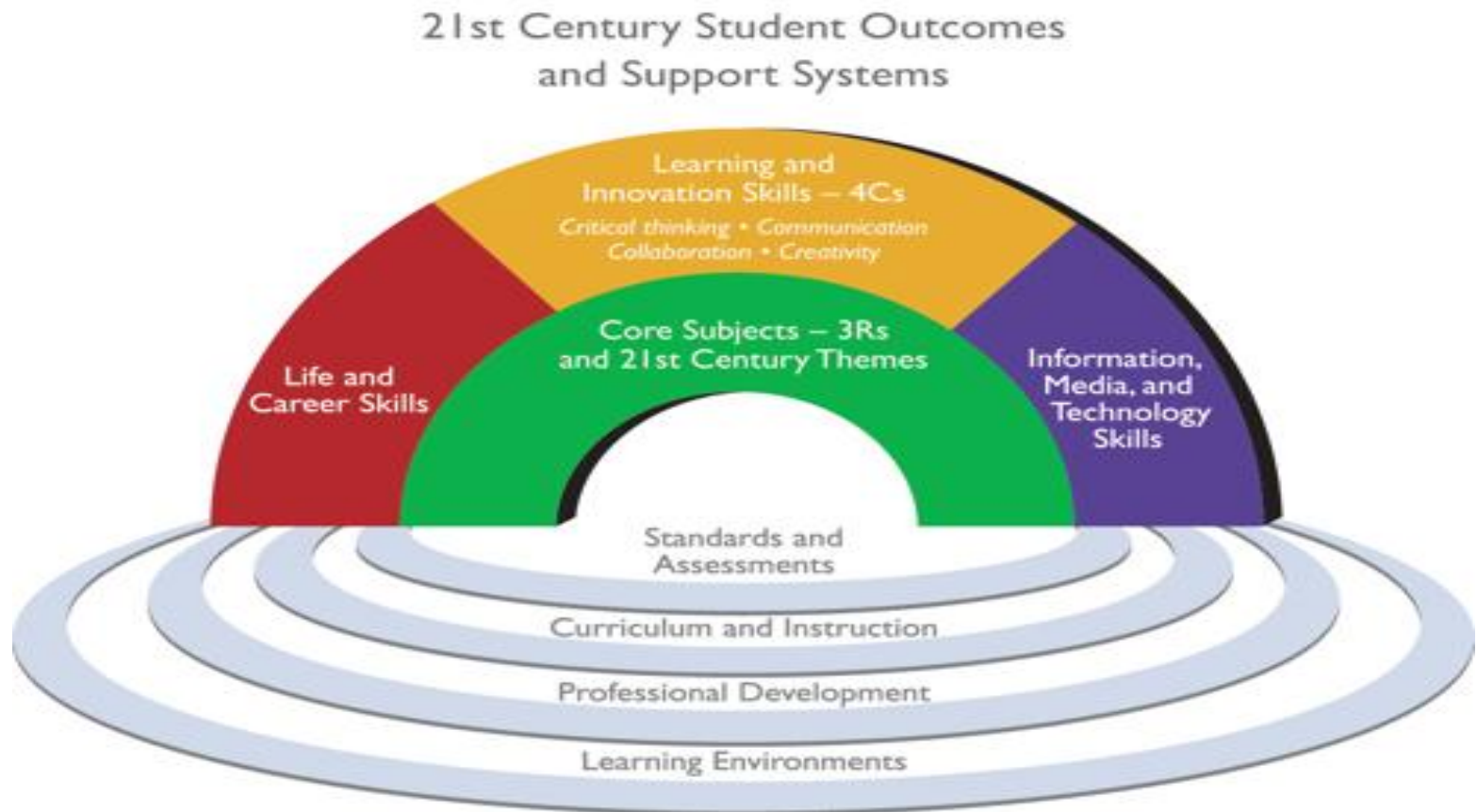
Ready by 21 Insulated Pipeline

Transportation, Health, Mental Health, Housing, Financial



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Implementation of the Common Core Standards



Building an Accessible Transportation Continuum for Students with Disabilities



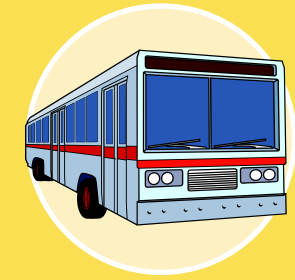
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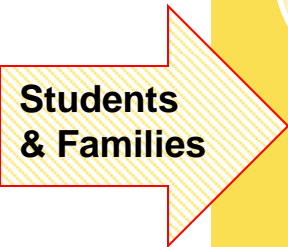
Safe Routes to
Schools



Pupil
Transportation



Public
Transportation



Opportunities for Education and Transit to Work Together

- Contribute to resource mapping of transportation resources & travel training services
- Participate in mobility management and coordinated planning in your community
- Talk about IEP goals around accessible transportation
- Connect with pupil transportation
- Invite the use of transit for field trips
- Help educators embed transportation content into curriculum and instruction
- Provide transportation content for professional development

Opportunities for Education and Transit to Work Together

- Share transportation resources
- Look for grant opportunities to focus on accessible transportation
- Connect with local teacher education and rehabilitation preparation programs
- Participate in education and community events
- Understand travel instruction and its components
- National Association for Pupil Transportation www.napt.org

Yellow School Buses as the First Step

- Simulate public buses
 - Develop fare cards
 - Encourage student use of schedules and route maps
 - Implement driver alert systems
 - Replicate social variance
 - National Association for Pupil Transportation
 - National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation
 - School Transportation News Online - <http://www.stnonline.com/webcasts>

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ESPA Resources

- www.projectaction.org
- Accessible Transportation for Students Online Community
 - Share ideas and learn more about travel training for student populations: <http://www.espa-ncst.communityzero.com/ats>

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