

## *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

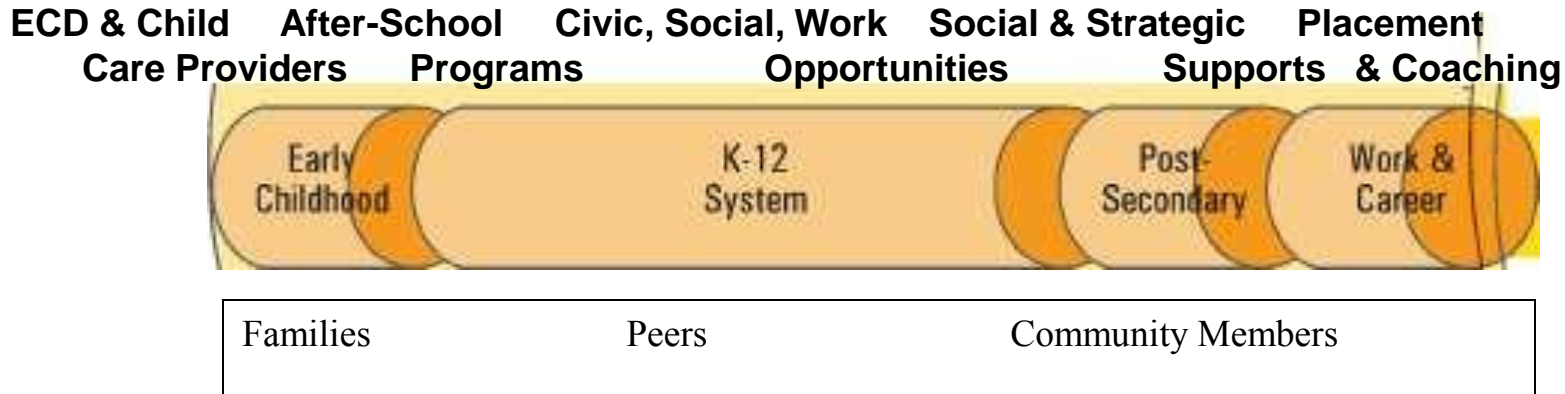
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College and Career Readiness

## Ready by 21 Insulated Pipeline

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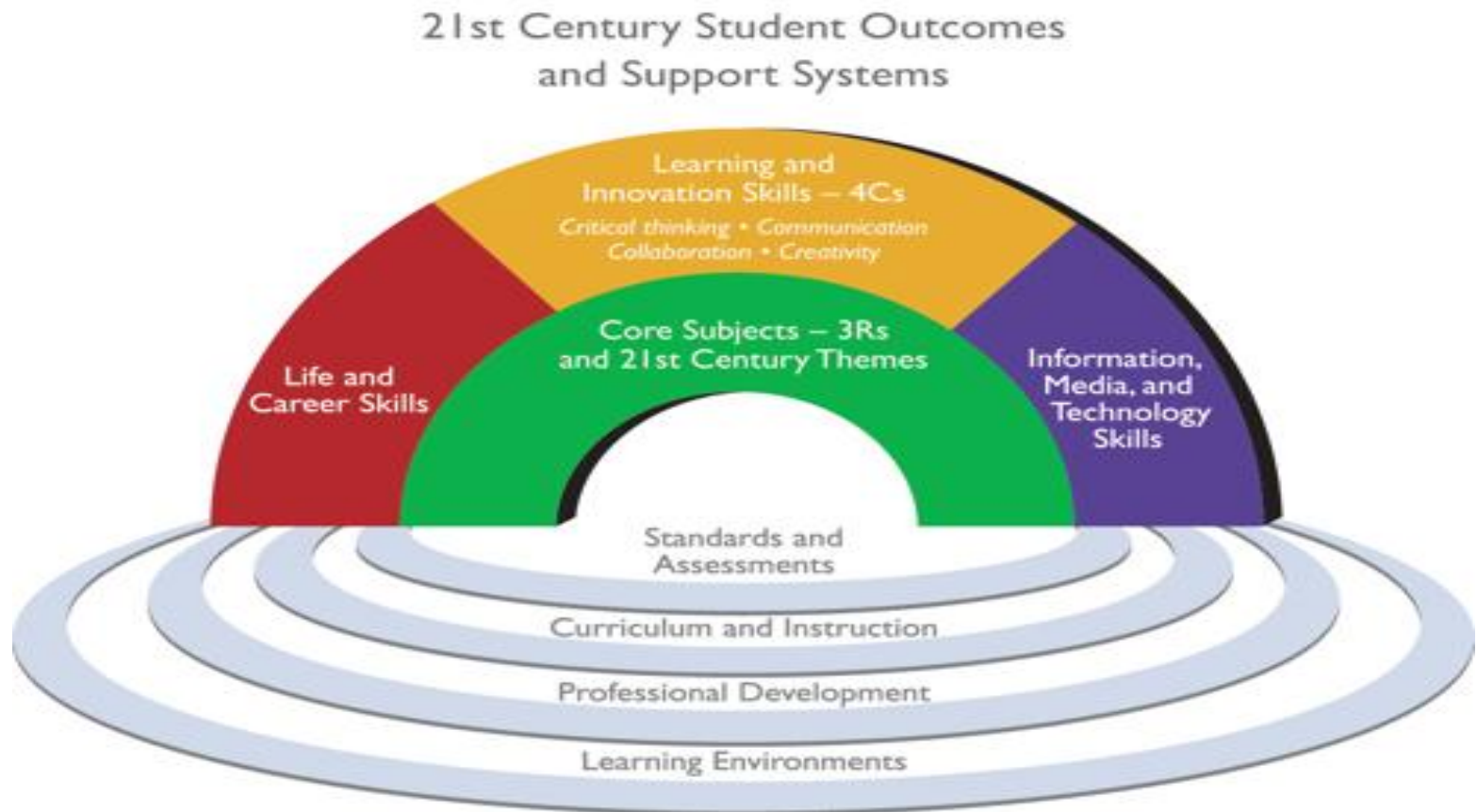
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<http://www.readyby21.org/>

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## Implementation of the Common Core Standards



# Building an Accessible Transportation Continuum for Students with Disabilities



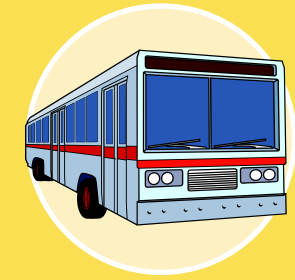
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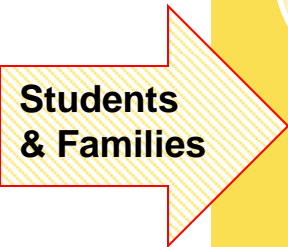
Safe Routes to  
Schools



Pupil  
Transportation



Public  
Transportation



Students  
& Families



Interconnected Systems and People



## 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](http://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](http://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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