

5310 Projects - Dane County - 2016

Grantee: County of Dane

Mobility Training and Bus Buddy Program

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The Bus Buddy (BB) Program utilizes qualified volunteers to train and accompany passengers on fixed bus routes or other public transportation to familiarize them with transit usage. The BB Program also offers group transit-familiarization trips to enjoyable locations. The group trips include training on using the ride guide and metro website, and individual trip planning.

The Travel training program is staffed by Certified Occupational Therapists to provide instruction in the skills necessary to access mainline bus services to individuals who are currently or potentially eligible for paratransit. If upon graduation the rider migrates a minimum number of trips from paratransit to fixed-route, Metro will provide at no cost a Commute Card.

Objectives:

1. To refer at least 70 persons to the Bus Buddy Program for training on the fixed bus route and 65 referrals successfully complete training
2. To refer at least 15 persons to the Mobility Training Independent Living Program (MTILP) for training on fixed bus routes and 5 referrals successfully receive training. MTILP provides one-to-one travel training on fixed bus routes by Occupational Therapists
3. To provide Metro Commuter Cards, at no cost to the rider, to all graduates of mobility training programs who migrate : minimum number of trips (2 to 3 per month) from paratransit to fixed routes

2016 Report		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Number of referrals to the Bus Buddy (BB) Program. *	Metro	2	1			3
	County	2	63			65
	Total	4	64			68
Number of BB referrals that complete training.	Metro	0	1			1
	County	2	62			64
	Total	2	63			65
Number of referrals to the Mobility Training Independent Living Program (MTILP). One-to-one travel training by Certified Occupational Therapists. *	Metro	5	0			5
	County	0	3			3
	Total	5	3			8
Number of MTILP referrals that receive training.	Metro	3	0			3
	County	0	2			2
	Total	3	2			5
Number of Metro Commuter cards provided to MTILP graduates who migrate a minimum number of trips (2 to 3 per month) from paratransit to fixed bus route.	Metro	1	0			1
	County	0	0			0
	Total	1	0			1

*greater referrals in Spring, Summer and Fall months.