

Harbor Regional Center Service Policy
TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY SERVICES

DEFINITION:

Transportation/Mobility Services is defined as those services which enable a person to travel, as independently and cost effectively as possible, to the destinations identified in his/her IFSP/IPP.

PHILOSOPHY:

Families are expected to provide transportation for their minor children with a disability as they would for their other children. This includes transportation for purposes such as medical and dental appointments as well as discretionary activities such as shopping, social or recreational activities, and preschool. For children receiving special education services, transportation is provided through the local education agency if such needs are addressed in the child's Individual Educational Program (IEP).

Optimally, adults with a developmental disability are expected to obtain transportation by accessing generic resources such as public transportation (including Paratransit Services), receiving natural supports such as assistance from family and friends, or walking, biking, or driving themselves.

It is the expectation that adults who are working either competitively or in individual supported employment jobs will get to their job site independently.

POLICY:

Harbor Regional Center will purchase transportation services for a minor child only under extraordinary circumstances as approved by the Executive Director. Whenever feasible, Harbor Regional Center expects adults with a developmental disability who receive support for transportation to utilize public transportation and/or paratransit services (e.g. Access Services).

Harbor Regional Center may purchase transportation services for adults only under the following circumstances:

- the adult is not eligible to receive transportation services through the public school; **and**
- there has been a mobility assessment to determine the person's ability to travel (or be trained to travel) via:
 - paratransit; or
 - public transportation; or
 - walking; or
 - biking; or
 - driving; **and**
- the purchase is for mobility/destination training and/or use of the least restrictive/most independent option; **or**
- the mobility assessment indicates that the person cannot be trained to safely utilize any of the five options set forth above to access specific services identified in his/her IFSP/IPP and, therefore, specialized transportation services are required.