



TRI-COUNTIES REGIONAL CENTER

Enhancing the Quality of Life for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Policies & Guidelines

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SERVICE POLICY GUIDELINES

Transportation Supports and Services for Adults

Tri-Counties Regional Center is committed to ensuring inclusion, participation, and community belonging for persons with developmental disabilities.

Tri-Counties Regional Center will advocate, support, and provide for the availability of safe, accessible, cost-effective, public and private transportation for persons with developmental disabilities and, where necessary, their families. To that end, TCRC will coordinate with local public transportation agencies to the extent feasible.

Tri-Counties Regional Center will follow all applicable statutes and regulations, including the Lanterman Act (Welfare and Institutions Code 4646.5 and 4648.35, TBL changes of 2009 and 2011) and Title 17, as it implements this policy. The Individual Program Plan (IPP) planning process for adults will include a Transportation Access Plan when TCRC is purchasing private, specialized transportation services to transport the person to and from day or work services; the person's community integration and participation can be safely enhanced by using public transportation services; and, generic transportation services are available and accessible. The Transportation Access Plan shall identify the services and supports needed to assist the person in accessing public transportation, such as mobility training or transportation aides. TCRC shall not fund private, specialized transportation services for an adult who can safely access and use available public transportation. TCRC shall fund the least expensive transportation service that meets the person's needs listed in the IPP. When required, TCRC shall fund transportation from the person's residence to the lowest-cost vendor that provides the needed services in the IPP. The cost of a vendor is determined by combining program costs with transportation costs for the individual. Transportation services during the program or work day are the responsibility of the day or work services vendor. TCRC funded transportation will be only to the day program site or a central pickup location. Persons accepting individual supported employment jobs will need to be able to travel to and from work using public transportation or their own private transportation methods that fit the days and work hours of the individual supported employment job placement.

Exception Policy:

Tri-Counties Regional Center recognizes that some individual needs are so unique that they may not be addressed in this Service Policy. Such requests for an exception to a Service Policy will be made through the Planning Team process. If the Planning Team concurs, they will forward recommendations regarding the request to the Executive Director, or designee.

Exceptions to a Service Policy may be granted by the Tri-Counties Regional Center Executive Director, or designee.