Volunteer Driver Programs

Supporting independence. Promoting access.
Wisconsin’s volunteer driver programs provide a statewide network of transportation services for older adults and persons with disabilities.

Volunteer drivers:
• use their own resources to provide public transportation.
• are often the only transportation service available.

Wisconsin has more than:
60 Volunteer Driver Programs.
2,600 Volunteer Drivers.

95% of Wisconsin’s older adults and persons with disabilities have access to a Volunteer Driver Program.*

35% of volunteer drivers provide rides to appointments and for meal delivery.

A patchwork of Federal, State and local funding supports volunteer driver programs. These programs are effective yet require investment to operate.

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Drivers experience barriers to volunteering.
Vehicle insurance issues and low reimbursements rates create issues for Wisconsin’s volunteer drivers.

Vehicle Insurance
- In 32% of programs, volunteer drivers experience personal vehicle insurance issues.

Driver Reimbursement

92% of volunteer drivers receive mileage reimbursement for driving their own vehicles.

Driving Reimbursement Rates/Mile

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