Transportation Resources

As stated above, lack of transportation is a common barrier to obtaining and keeping employment. Support Coordinators can link those they support with a variety of options, granted that as with other problem solving, this may take some creativity. Some resources are:

Personal Networks
When looking for work, is it possible for the job seeker to find work within walking distance or at or near a business in which they already know someone? Explore networks in a person’s life for transportation resources. Family, friends or a privately paid acquaintances may be transportation resources. “Carpooling” with a co-worker may be an option in which the non-driver contributes gas money in place of their turn to drive. Also private companies such as Uber or Lyft could be used for occasional needs. A program called Go Go Grandparent (open to anyone 18+) acts as an intermediary with transportation companies for those who may not have a smartphone. https://gogograndparent.com/

Public Transportation/Travel Training

Many people get to their places of employment by using public transportation, such as buses and subways.

Travel training teaches people a variety of travel skills that will enable them to ride local transportation independently. Depending on what part of the state the Support Coordinator works, will determine if travel training is available. Here are some of the available resources in Virginia but the SC should continue to search for others on the internet.

NOVA  https://thearcofnova.org/programs-services/independent-living/travel-training-program/

https://www.ecnv.org/traveltraining


Richmond metro  http://ridegrtc.com/services/travel-training-program

Paratransit

Paratransit is a specialized, door-to-door transport service for people with disabilities who are not able to ride fixed-route public transportation.
https://seniornavigator.org/article/12605/fact-sheet-paratransit-services (Link)
**Medicaid Non-emergency Transport**

For people who use waiver services, each of the three DD Waivers includes a service entitled employment and community transportation, which includes assistance with getting and going to a job. See chapter 6 for more about this service. (link)

If someone has Fee-For-Service (FFS) Medicaid, Managed Care Organization (MCO), or Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (CCC+) they may be eligible for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) services. This service will take you to Medicaid-covered services such as medical and health care appointments, supported employment and day support programs.

**Parking placards and plates for people with disabilities**

DMV offers parking placards and plates for customers with temporary or permanent disabilities that limit or impair their mobility. They are also available to customers with a condition that creates a safety concern while walking (examples are Alzheimer's disease, blindness or developmental amentia).

These placards and plates entitle the holder to park in special parking spaces reserved for individuals with disabilities. Institutions and organizations that operate special vehicles equipped to carry persons with disabilities may also obtain parking placards and plates entitling them to special parking privileges.


**Vehicle Modifications**

For those who use waiver services, environmental modifications are included on all three DD Waivers and may include reimbursement for changes to a personal vehicle.

http://virginianavigator.org/article/64327/vehicle-modifications