

Is travel training right for you?

An ideal candidate for travel training is motivated, willing to learn new ways of travel and understands the importance of being safe in the community. The travel trainer will work with a trainee for as long as it takes to insure confidence in independent travel.

Benefits of travel training:

- Expanded transportation options
- Increased independence and confidence in traveling alone
- Greater freedom to get to where you want to go
- Increased access to employment, social, recreation and educational resources in the community

Marketing and outreach for the metro-Denver travel training program is provided by Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council (DRMAC)
www.drmac-co.org



"I wanted to learn how to ride the bus by myself and get around by myself. Travel training made this possible."

"My instructor allowed me to feel more confident in getting around."

"At first our family was a little nervous about John getting around by himself. However, becoming more independent was a goal for John. We are delighted that he can ride the bus independently. "

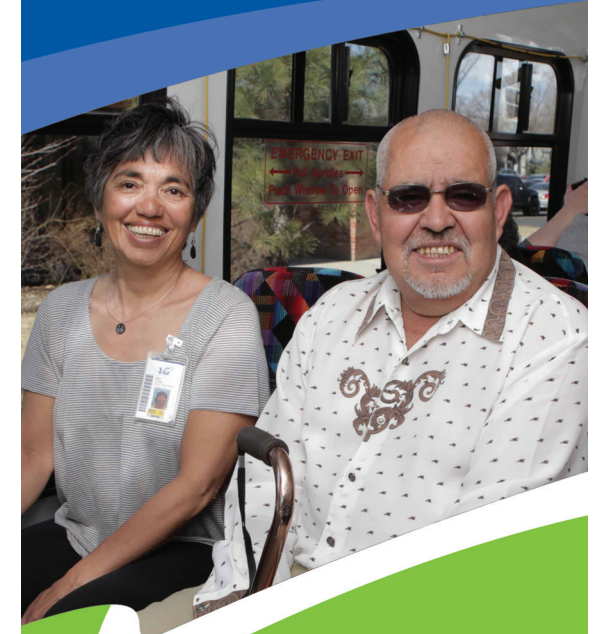
"I learned a lot and I use what I learned all the time. I go lots of places. I like to go out a lot."



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Mobility for Life

About Us

Via is a nonprofit organization that provides our customers with transportation and mobility options that enable them to live a more independent life. Enhance your ability to live, work, play, shop, vote, pursue an education, raise your family or volunteer in the community. We're with you every step of the way.

Your Link to Independent Travel

With patience and practice, you can safely, confidently, and independently use accessible public transportation (RTD) to expand your travel options. Before ever riding a bus, a member of our team of expert travel trainers conducts an in-home visit with each individual to get acquainted and determine travel goals.



Training includes:

- Appropriate pairing with the right travel trainer for you
- Individualized travel training plan
- Planning a bus trip using a route schedule and map
- Getting on and off buses using proper fare and equipment
- Identifying landmarks
- Transferring from one bus to another
- Use of safe pedestrian skills
- Problem solving while traveling in the community
- Learning travel rights under federal legislation
- Developing strategies to communicate your travel needs
- First-hand experience using public transit

Travel trainers are knowledgeable in:

- Medical and psychological aspects of disabilities
- Human growth and development over the lifespan
- Travel concepts and systems of transportation
- Travel skills, techniques and assessments
- Instructional methods and strategies

Who is eligible?

Older adults (age 60+), people with disabilities and others living with mobility limitations who reside in the metro-Denver region and who live within the RTD public transit system.

Cost:

- Free

How to get started:

Contact Susan Unger, Via's Travel Training Coordinator at 303-447-2848 ext. 1048 or sunger@viacolorado.org



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