

Planning Committee



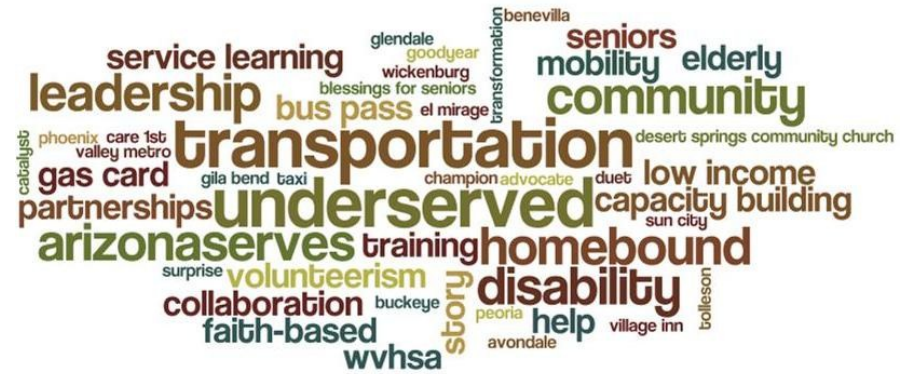
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Without a Ride, Life Unravels
Transportation for the Underserved



February 10, 2012

Transportation for the Underserved
Summit & Resource Fair

Desert Springs Community Church
14440 West Indian School Road
Goodyear, Arizona 85395



Welcome!

Thank you for attending Arizona's *Without a Ride, Life Unravels* Summit on transportation for the underserved. We are very thankful for our gracious host, Desert Springs Community Church, for providing us with this wonderful facility.

The Agenda we have put together contains lifetimes of experience in serving people in our communities. Our keynote speakers Richard Smith and Leslie Cohen, have been specifically selected to help us understand how each of us can help those who are isolated from society simply because they don't have a ride.

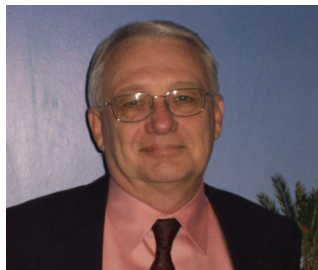
Our message today is that each of us - in small ways or in large ways - can help transform our communities by coming together to provide transportation for the underserved. By day's end, we hope you will have received all that you came for, and more.

From all of us on the planning committee, thanks again for attending and have a wonderful Summit!

Betty Lynch, Chair
West Valley Human Services Alliance



Richard Smith is the director of the non-profit Independent Living Partnership (ILP), a Senior Advisor and Trustee to the Beverly Foundation, and General Manager of the TRIP Volunteer Transportation program. He has an MBA from the University of California, Riverside and worked in the banking, broadcast and advertising industries before coming to ILP. He currently serves on the ILP Board of Directors.



Since 1995 he has been responsible for the on-going development and operation of ILP's TRIP Program (Transportation Reimbursement and Information Project), which is a nationally recognized Supplemental Transportation Program that rider focused and won the top Model of Excellence Award from The Beverly Foundation in 2001. TRIP was named "the nation's best volunteer driver model" by the Beverly Foundation in 2009.

Thank You for Attending*

A New Leaf
Adelante Healthcare
Ajo Transportation
All Saints of the Desert Episcopal Church
American Lutheran Church of Sun City
Arizona Bridge to Independent Living
Arizona Center for Disability Law
Arizona Council on Faith-Based and
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Arizona Department of
Economic Security
Arizona Department of Transportation
Arizona Developmental Disabilities
Planning Council
Arizona Palliative Home Care
Association of Arizona Food Banks
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Care1st Health Plan Arizona
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City of Peoria
City of Sierra Vista
City of Surprise
City of Tolleson
CityServe Arizona
Communities in Schools
Community Ministries
Crown of Life Lutheran Church
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
DES Hunger Advisory Council
Deseret Industries
Desert Springs Community Church
Diane Halle Center for Family Justice
Disability Enrichment Centers
Duet, Partners in Health & Aging
Episcopal Community Services
Glendale Elementary School District
Homeless Youth Connection
Hospice of Arizona
Hospice of the Valley
Independent Living Partnership
Maricopa Association of Governments
Maricopa County CASA
Maricopa County Public Health
Mission of Mercy
Mountain Park Health Center
Northern Arizona Council of Governments
Northern Arizona University
Partners in Recovery
Pima Council on Aging
Radiant Church
Region One Area Agency on Aging
Senior Citizens of Patagonia
Southwest Valley Family YMCA
Sun City West Fire District
Sun City West Foundation
The Salvation Army
Tolleson Union High School District
Total Transit
Touchstone Behavioral Health
Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development
University of Arizona, College of Medicine
Valley Metro
Valley of the Sun United Way
West Valley Human Services Alliance
WestCare Arizona
Wheel Help

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Speakers / Presenters / Panelists

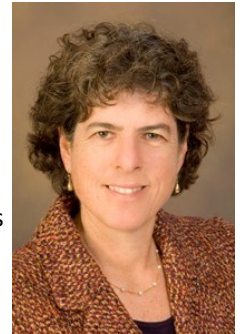
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Richard oversees California's Assistive Technology Device Lending Library system, currently with thirteen locations throughout California. He co-founded the California Assistive Technology Coalition with the California Department of Aging and California State University, Fullerton.

Richard is managing editor of a quarterly non-commercial, self-help, preventative and solution oriented magazine, called *Meeting the Challenges*. He is also the managing editor of the monthly *Tools for Independence* newsletter, which is a free digital publication for agencies and organizations to use as an educational resource to assist everyone caring for a parent or loved one with a physical impairment that makes everyday living more difficult.

Richard co-founded the STP Exchange with the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety and The Beverly Foundation - a free membership web-based resource for peer-to-peer communication and information exchange between supplemental transportation programs that provide older adults with senior friendly service.

Leslie Cohen, JD, is the Director of the University of Arizona (UA), Sonoran University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, UA College of Medicine.



In her current position, Ms. Cohen is responsible for this UA interdisciplinary center engaged in disability related education and training, research, model program development and information dissemination.

Ms. Cohen has substantial expertise in disability law and policy, and prior to join the UA, she was the executive director for over ten years of the Arizona Center for Disability Law, Arizona's protection and advocacy system for persons with disabilities. For many years, she has served as a consultant to organizations in Arizona and nationally on a wide variety of strategic planning, management and substantive disability issues.

Leslie currently serves as Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the National Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD); Council Member, Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council; Board President, Primavera Foundation; and Board Member, Linkages Arizona.

8:00 a.m. Resource Fair & Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks

“Welcome to Desert Springs Community Church”

Pastor Don Ingram, Desert Springs Community Church. Pastor Don has been the Senior Pastor at Palm Croft Baptist Church and is currently an associate pastor at Desert Springs Community Church.

“What is Transportation for the Underserved?”

Chuck Fitzgerald, Arizona Department of Economic Security. Chuck provides leadership for the Governor’s ArizonaSERVES Task Force and for the DES Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

9:30 a.m. Successful Transportation Models

“Partnering for Solutions”

Cathy Hutton, Executive Director, Ajo Transportation. Jane Bruzzese, Senior Director of Programs, Benevilla. Sue Reckinger, Director of Volunteer Services, Duet. Caring people, organizations, and faith communities can join together to meet pressing needs. Learn about effective solutions to overcome transportation challenges across local communities.

10:15 a.m. Resource Fair & Break

10:30 a.m. Transportation “Table Talk”

Table discussion facilitated by assigned table captains

11:30 a.m. Resource Fair & Lunch

12:30 p.m. Richard Smith, Director, Independent Living Partnership

“How to Start a Low-Cost Volunteer Driver Service in Your Community”

Drawn from eighteen years of experience are immediate and practical steps that any community can take to address the needs of the transportation underserved.

1:30 p.m. Transportation Delivers

“Transportation in the Circle of Support”

Judy VanDellen, Volunteer Coordinator, Hospice of Arizona. As we provide end of life care, our volunteers provide our patients with transportation for errands, appointments, and special outings, and they meet the needs of caregivers with relief, spiritual and bereavement support.

“Safe Place: Where Kids Get Help - FAST!”

Faith Dunbar, Safe Place Coordinator, Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development. Providing youth in crisis with transportation to temporary shelters and community resources, quickly. Safe Place works to inform local youth, and adults working with youth, about the program and the issues that cause young people to utilize it.

“Aging in Place: Transportation & More”

Jim Murphy, President and CEO, Pima Council on Aging. The Neighbors Care Alliance assists faith communities and neighborhoods in creating volunteer caregiver programs for helping seniors to remain independent and age in place. Providing transportation for appointments, running errands, and offering friendly visits are great examples of neighbors helping neighbors.

2:15 p.m. Resource Fair & Break

2:30 p.m. Leslie Cohen, Director and Professor, University of Arizona

“Build Accessible, Sustainable Transportation for Increased Independence”

Learn how community leaders nationwide are increasing transportation capacity for persons with developmental and other disabilities, and learn about the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council’s transportation project. Identify barriers, specialized needs, frequency and duration of needed transportation and most importantly, existing resources that through coordination and support can be used, modified or created to fill unmet needs.

3:15 p.m. Leadership Q & A Panel, and “Table Talk” Outcomes

Elizabeth Banta, Executive Director, Duet
Ronald Barnes, Business Development Manager, Total Transit
Leslie Cohen, Director and Professor, University of Arizona
Cathy Hutton, Executive Director, Ajo Transportation
Joe Pizzillo, Councilmember, City of Goodyear; and Member of RPTA

4:00 p.m. Resource Fair & Adjourn