



In The Beginning....

- Citizens advisory committee formed
- Pilot project developed at TriMet
- Agreements developed with six social service agencies
- 11,962 rides performed in 1986
- Became a private non-profit in 1988



Where we are today.....

- 163 Partners
- Multiple transit options to meet the needs of our community members
- 700 Drivers 2/3rds of which are volunteers
- 550,000 plus rides
- 2000 people received travel training support



Lessons Learned....

- Develop Partnerships
- Start small and build upon small successes
- Look for tasks that can be coordinated or shared to create efficiencies
- Remember any idea is a good idea – think outside the box
- Develop Partnerships



Partnership Development....

- Dedicate time to building relationships
- Recognize that there could be institutional barriers
- Avoid creating mechanisms that are unattainable for organizations or individuals to achieve
- Remember all partners are different, celebrate the uniqueness of all



Shared Goals
Complementary Skills
Accountability
Commitment
Authentic Communication

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COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS



Shared Goal Exercise

Those needing to get to and from dialysis treatment are not able to because of the lack of reliable transportation.



Most of the things worth doing in the world had been declared impossible before they were done.

Justice Louis Brandeis



Thank you!

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