

## Transportation

The Department of Elder Affairs recognizes that mobility is a quality of life and transportation plays a vital role in the lives of older Floridians. Mobility is essential for independent living and transportation is the link that allows access to the needed services and activities. No single solution can meet all the mobility needs of Florida's senior population – rather, a variety of services and systems are necessary to do so effectively.

## Communities

The Transportation Unit within the Communities for a Lifetime Bureau is committed to assisting your community to meet your transportation needs. Information is provided to the communities and agencies on best practices and funding sources. Our goal is to facilitate and participate in outreach and educational events to keep our seniors driving safer longer.



## Partnerships

The department's efforts also include continued partnerships and ongoing collaboration with other state agencies to develop and present effective transportation strategies, from the community's perspective to driver safety and road safety perspective, to meet community needs.

## Technical Assistance

To live independently, older Americans must be able to maintain a mobile lifestyle. The Communities For A Lifetime Transportation Unit works in partnership with community planners, and decision makers, identifying new ways of transportation planning and design -- such as innovative adaptations of transit services and the development of new volunteer driver programs -- and a rediscovery of old ways of building streets and communities that balance the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and drivers.

## Core Transportation Partners:

- Commission on Transportation Disadvantaged,
- Department of Transportation's – Safe Mobility for Life Program,
- Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles - GrandDriver Program,

## Benefits

Many opportunities exist for adults to assess and refresh their driving skills. The department supports driver assessment centers and organizations that help older persons maintain their safe driving ability for as long as possible.

Increased mobility allows seniors, Florida's most valuable resource, to continue making valuable financial and social contributions to the state, and to remain in their community for a lifetime.

## For More Information, Visit:

<http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/transportation.html>.  
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