Key Messages

• Transportation is a critical resource for individuals seeing access to recovery support services. Public transit can get people to the treatment/resources they need to recover from opioid addiction.

• Transit agency personnel can save the lives of people who overdose on their systems.

23 percent of opioid treatment program patients surveyed in Vermont reported missing at least one visit due to lack of transportation.
— The PEW Charitable Trusts, February 2019

FTA awarded the Vermont Agency of Transportation $170,000 to provide on-demand trips for individuals who have substance use disorder, specifically opioid use disorder, and to conduct research to identify strategies to expand rural transportation services.

From June to November 2019, BART’s police officers administered naloxone to 18 suspected overdose victims in the transit system. All survived.
— San Francisco Chronicle, November 2019
Relevant FTA Efforts

• Clarified **guidance on the definition of "disability"** to ensure people with substance use disorder (SUD) are eligible to receive transportation through the Section 5310 program, including to a drug treatment center.

• Through the **Transit & Health Access Initiative** (FAST Act Section 3006(b) Pilot Program) funding, awarded projects related to opioids:
  - Rides Mass Transit District of Illinois received $518,844 to establish a "one-call" center, expand mobility management services for patients at risk of re-hospitalization, and initiate transportation coordination for patients seeking drug abuse and mental health services in southern IL with a high rate of mental health and substance abuse and a disproportionately low number of healthcare providers. *The project has helped to close the gap in access to mental health for patients due to transportation challenges in rural areas.* The project built off a 2015 FTA-funded Rides to Wellness Healthcare Access Challenge Grant through the NCMM. *(Started in 2017)*
  - The Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center, Inc. received $194,944 to purchase accessible vans and hire a mobility manager for its **Transportation for Rural Appalachian Communities Program, which helps underserved populations in rural southern WV access opioid treatment.** *(Started in 2019)*
  - New projects coming related to opioid-impacted populations through the latest NOFO (applications are under review). New NOFO later in 2020.
Formula Funding

• Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Section 5310 *people with SUD are eligible to receive transportation through the Section 5310 program, including to a drug treatment center

• Rural Transportation Program Section 5311

The Aaron E. Henry Community Health Services Center, Inc., is a Section 330(e) FQHC located in the heart of the agricultural Mississippi Delta that receives both funding sources as a sub-recipient of the MS DOT to run the Delta Area Rural Transit System – or DARTS: https://www.aehchc.org/services/public-transit/
CCAM (Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility) Mission and Organization

**Mission**
The CCAM issues policy recommendations and implements activities that improve the availability, accessibility, and efficiency of transportation for the following targeted populations:

- Individuals with Disabilities
- Older Adults
- Individuals of Low Income

**History**
The CCAM is an interagency partnership established in 2004 by Executive Order 13330 to coordinate the efforts of the Federal agencies that fund transportation for targeted populations.

**Organization**

- DOT Secretary
- HHS Secretary
- ED Secretary
- DOL Secretary
- VA Secretary
- USDA Secretary
- HUD Secretary
- DOI Secretary
- Attorney General
- SSA Comm’r
- NCD Chair
CCAM Program Inventory

- **2008:** 64 programs
  Charter Service Rule Appendix A - Federal Programs Providing Transportation Assistance
- **2012:** 80 programs
  GAO Report: Transportation-Disadvantaged Populations - Federal Coordination Efforts Could Be Further Strengthened: Appendix II: Inventory of Federal Programs
- **2019:** 130 programs

CCAM Program Inventory
Includes detailed program information, such as CFDA numbers and statutory references, information on recipients and beneficiaries, eligible transportation activities, etc.

**Did you know?**

If an organization receives funding from one of these programs, a portion of the funds may be used for transportation services.

Funding recipients may collaborate across these federal programs to provide more transportation options for the community.

CCAM Program Inventory Webinar Series (2020)

Agencies across the government administer 130 federal programs that may fund transportation services for the CCAM target population. However, these transportation services can be costly and fragmented due to lack of interagency collaboration. Together, the CCAM partner agencies are hosting a webinar series to increase local, state and federal coordination to enhance accessible, efficient transportation options for the target populations.

**Objectives:**
- Bring diverse networks together to learn from Federal program managers; and
- Address the most prevalent barriers to transportation coordination, gathered through the 2018 CCAM State and Local Focus Groups.

View the **February 13, 2020** CCAM webinar highlighting Department of Health and Human Services programs.

Register for the **March 12, 2020** CCAM webinar highlighting U.S. Department of Transportation programs.

Website: [https://www.transit.dot.gov/coordinating-council-access-and-mobility](https://www.transit.dot.gov/coordinating-council-access-and-mobility)
Braiding Federal Funds for Local Match

Federal fund braiding refers to funding arrangements in which funds from one federal program are used to meet the local match requirements of another. Funds eligible for federal fund braiding can be categorized into two groups: incoming and outgoing.

**Incoming Matching Funds**

*HHS federal funds that are used to fulfill the non-federal or local match requirements of DOT grants*

Examples of what a project might fund include:
- **Capital costs** of a vehicle
- **Operating costs** of providing service to an individual
- **Combination** of operating and capital costs
- **Salary** for a mobility manager
The CCAM directed the development of an *Advancing Mobility Management Course* offered by the National Transit Institute (NTI). The new 2-day course aims to improve coordination between transit and non-traditional stakeholders. The interactive course highlights community partnerships that improve coordination and helps participants identify new partners to expand networks and resources. The course is free for public transit and government agencies.

### 2020 Courses:
- September 25-26, 2019 – St. Cloud, MN
- February 5-6, 2020 - Phoenix, AZ
- February 24-25, 2020 – Nashville, TN
- March 25-26, 2020 – Springfield, MA
- May 5-6, 2020 – Denver, CO
- June 16-17, 2020 – Ithaca, NY

The course is designed to build the capacity of community professionals to implement and scale up mobility management strategies and initiatives and expose participants to promising practices in the field.

*Register:* [www.ntionline.com/advancing-mobility-management](http://www.ntionline.com/advancing-mobility-management)
Transportation Technical Assistance (TA) Centers (Free Resources)

National Center for Mobility Management
website: www.nc4mm.org 1-866-846-6400
e-mail: info@nc4mm.org  Annual Community Grants

National Aging and Disability Transportation Center
website: www.nadtc.org 1-866-983-3222
e-mail: contact@nadtc.org  Annual Community Grants

National Rural Transit Assistance Program
website: www.nationalrtap.org 1-888-589-6821
e-mail: info@nationalrtap.org

Shared Use Mobility Center
website: www.sharedusemobilitycenter.org 1-312-448-8083
e-mail: info@sharedusemobilitycenter.org

National Center for Applied Transit Technology
website: https://ctaa.org/about-n-catt/
ccontact: grossglaser@ctaa.org
TA Center Community Grants: NCMM

FTA-funded TA Centers provide competitive grants to communities to implement innovative projects that will remove barriers to transportation and expand mobility options for transportation disadvantaged populations. Teams represent multiple sectors collaborating to solve local transportation challenges experienced by **low-income community members**. Examples of 2019 NCMM Grantees:

**Planning Grant:**
- **Dixon, IL:** How might we increase awareness and access to services to improve well-being for low-income children and their families? Team: Lee-Ogle Transportation System (Lead), Regional Office of Education, Lee County Health Department, Ogle County Health Department, Lee County Probation Department, KSB Hospital and Medical Clinics, Rochelle Community Hospital

**Implementation Grant:**
- **Colorado Springs, CO** is embedding a transportation scheduling system into clinics to ensure behavioral health patients have a way to get to appointments, pharmacies, therapies, etc. Team: Envida (Lead), Colorado Community Health Alliance, El Paso County Public Health, Peak View Behavioral Health, Cedar Springs Hospital, AspenPointe, & BethHaven. **Video** of team's in-person Design Challenge Business Pitch & [Previous Design Challenge Business Pitch Slides](#)

**NCMM Grants:**
[https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/grants/community_grants/](https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/grants/community_grants/)