

Transportation Voucher Program Basics

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Site Street Address	Date: <u>June 10, 2006</u>
City, State, Zip	
Site phone number	
Pay to	
the order of <u>G. W. Timmons</u>	<input type="text" value="120"/> miles
Number of one-way rides: <u>2</u>	
For (circle one): WORK <input checked="" type="radio"/> MEDICAL SOCIAL/RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SHOPPING	
SUBMIT FOR PAYMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS	<u>John Q. Participant</u> Signature

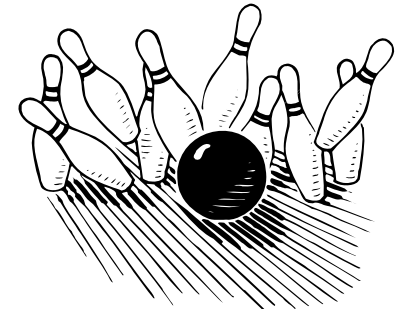
Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council
Transportation Work Group
and Grantees

Lack of Transportation Is the King Kong of Barriers



Limits all aspects of life:

- **Work**
- **Shopping**
- **Health care**
- **Visiting friends and family**
- **Recreation**
- **And more**





The NEED for Public Transportation

- The *New Economic Engine*
 - Michigan Land Use Institute, 2001
- “We reiterate our support for public transit in southeast Michigan. An effective regional transit system is important in connecting workers with jobs”
 - General Motors, Ford and DaimlerChrysler, 2001

Public Transportation?

What do
you see?



Transportation Vouchers – a Proven Option

Buses don't work for everyone.



**Vouchers – a low cost,
low maintenance option.
Not just buying buses
and paying drivers.**

What Is a Transportation Voucher Program?

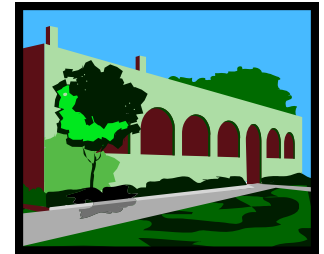
Riders receive

- a “checkbook” and
- a number of miles



The sponsoring agency

- trains riders and drivers
- works out payment rates
- reimburses the drivers



Riders use vouchers to get rides

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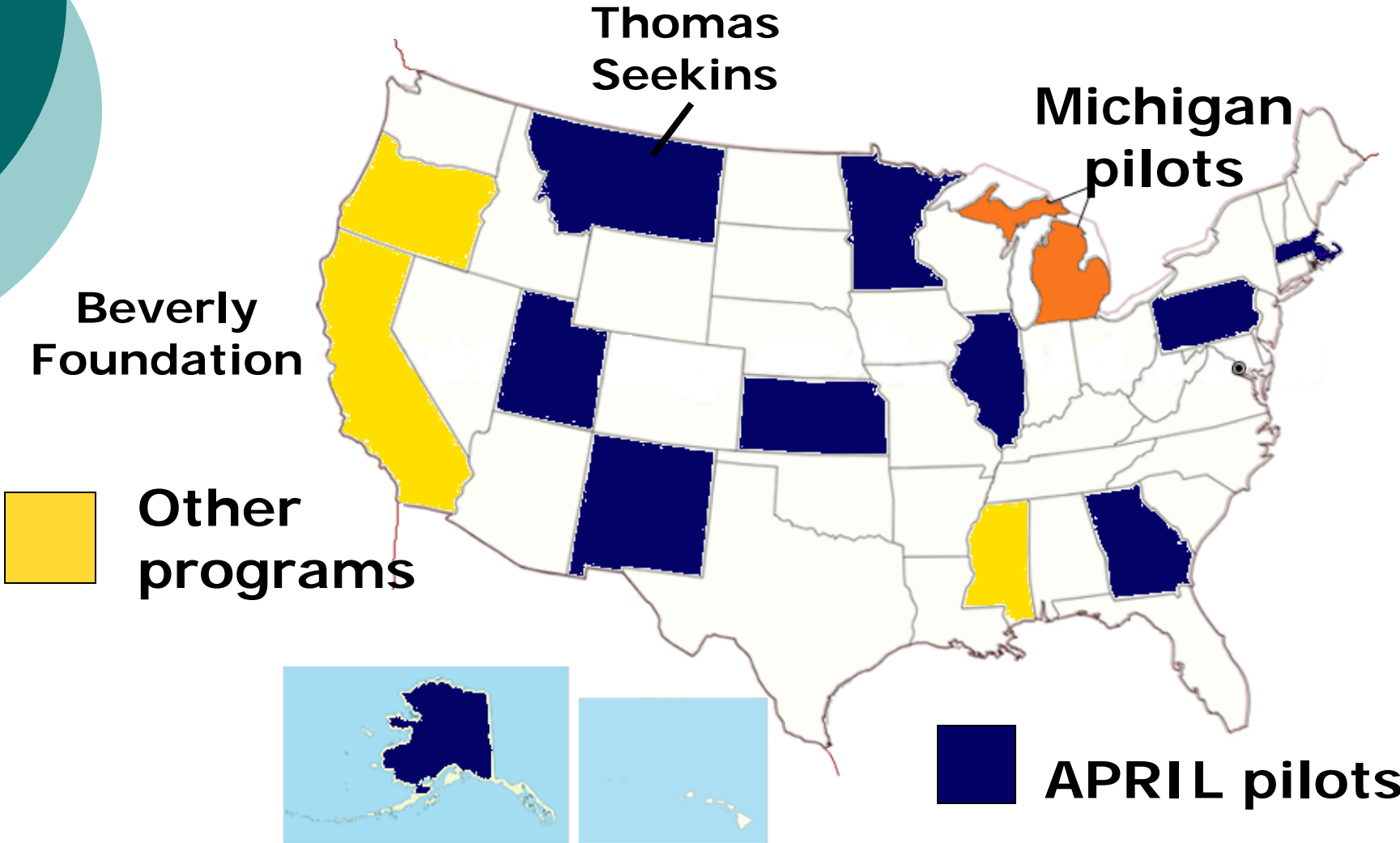
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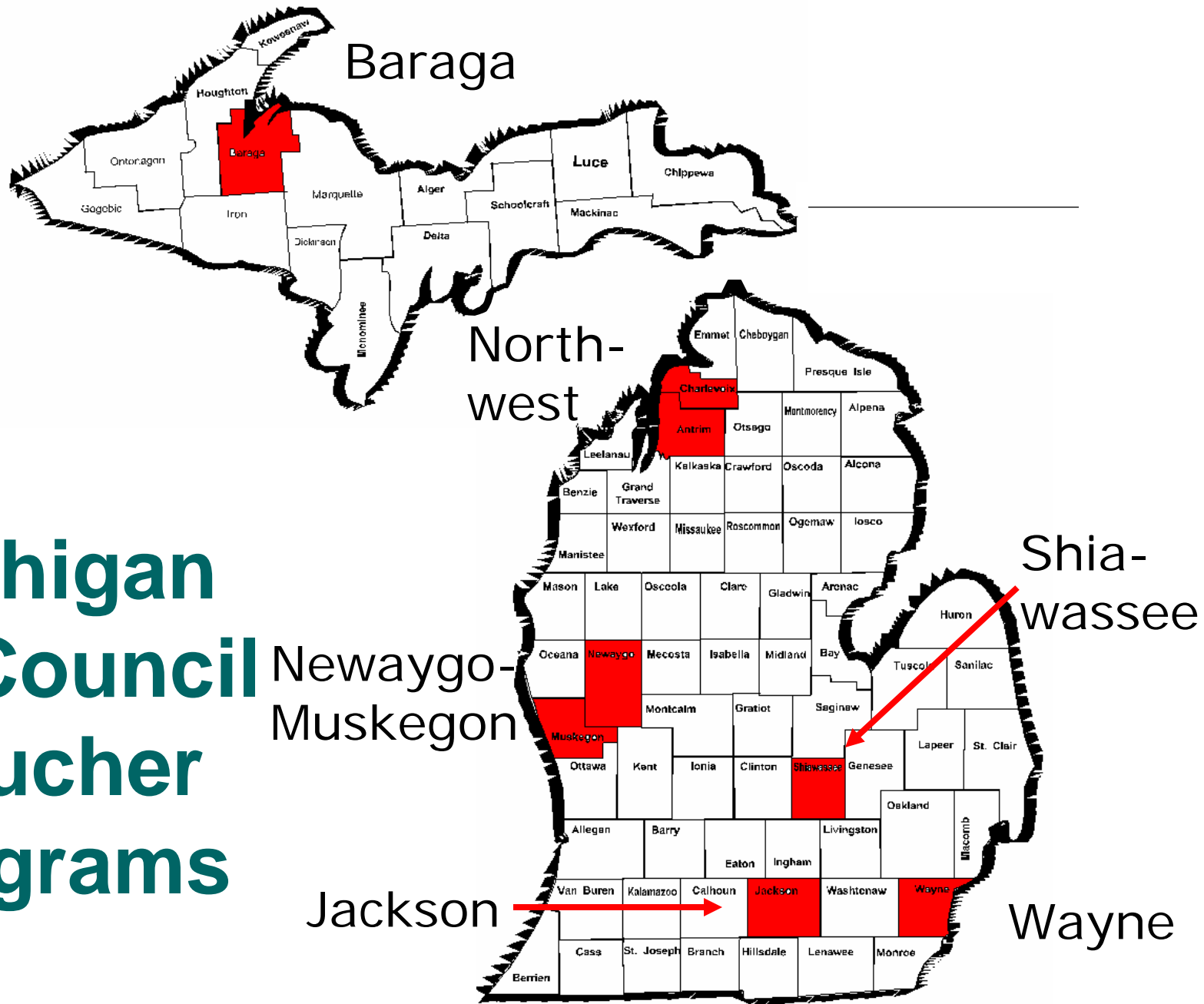
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Voucher Programs in the USA



Michigan DD Council Voucher Programs



Newaygo-
Muskegon

Jackson

Shia-
wassee

Wayne

Data from Michigan Pilots

From October 06 to July 07



435 riders

263 drivers

10,197 trips

266,483 miles

Used for

24% Social/leisure

22% Employment

30% Errand/shopping

2% Education

20% Medical

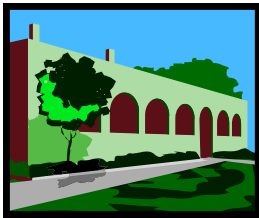
2% Civic Involvement

Per Grantee reports, August, 2007

Why Use a Voucher Program?

Benefits to

- Riders
- Agencies
- Drivers
- Business
- Community



Why Vouchers? Benefits for Riders



Choice and Self-determination

- ✓ Where to go
- ✓ How and who with
- ✓ When – day, evening, weekend



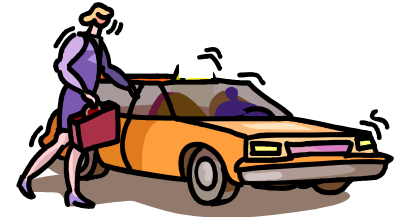
Success Story

**Cheryl got her
driver's license**

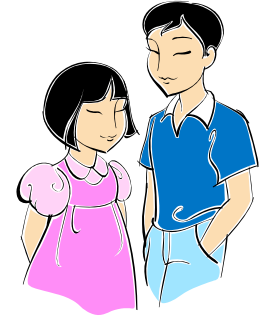


Rider Quality of Life

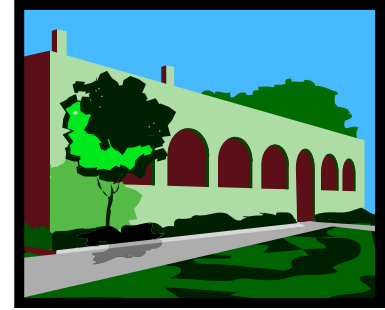
It's All About People!



- ✓ **Family and friends**
- ✓ **Make new friends**
- ✓ **Being part of the community**



Why Vouchers? Benefits for Agencies



- ✓ **Promote cost-sharing**
- ✓ **Increase cost-effectiveness**
- ✓ **Better services for their people**

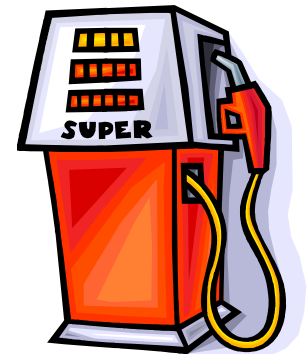


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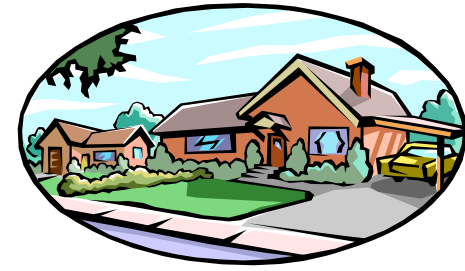
Why Vouchers? Benefits for Drivers



- ✓ **Opportunity to contribute to the community**
- ✓ **Reimburses costs, like gas**
- ✓ **Companionship**



Why Vouchers? Economic Benefits



Spend money or make money

- ✓ More customers for businesses
- ✓ People can find jobs, pay taxes
- ✓ Education for a more skilled workforce
- ✓ Cost-effective way of expanding transportation options





Typical Community Partners

Human Services

Mental Health agency
Senior Center
Community Action Agency
Michigan Rehabilitation
Services
Michigan Works
United Way
Human Services
Collaborative Body

Provide Rides

Transit agency
Taxis
Volunteer programs

Advocates

RICC (Regional Interagency
Consumer Committee)
The Arc
Disability Network (CIL)
Riders

Community

Businesses
Colleges
Community colleges
Schools
Hospitals
Health care providers



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