



# Making Connections

## A Forum for Improving Medical Transportation Services Through a Coordinated Approach

Every day, those without access to transportation go without needed health care simply because they have no way of getting to and from a healthcare facility. Join the **Making Connections Community Forum**, sponsored by the South East Regional Coordination Council (SERCC)\* and the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority to share and learn about medical transportation options in Southeastern Massachusetts. This forum will focus on collaboration to create solutions between local medical facilities and transportation providers resulting in increased access to health care.

### Join us!

**November 7, 2014**  
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM



**Holiday Inn - Taunton**  
700 Myles Standish Blvd.  
Taunton, MA

*Continental Breakfast will be served.*

### Be part of the solution!

- *Identify unmet transportation needs in your community*
- *Share challenges you face when trying to locate transportation for yourself or your consumers*
- *Share the transportation services and resources you and your clients use*
- *Work with public and private transportation providers to learn about their services and develop solutions*
- *Learn about **Ride Match**, a one-stop searchable directory that combines all public, private, community-based and non-profit transportation options in one convenient online resource.*

### Did you know?

- Public transportation and transit-oriented development is important for public health and helps reduce healthcare costs. Inadequate mobility can cause patients to miss appointments, which exacerbates medical problems and wastes medical resources, or forces patients or health care agencies to pay for more costly transport, such as taxis. *APTA 2003*
- National Health Interview Survey data (1999 to 2009) found that 7% of Medicaid beneficiaries reported transportation as a major barrier to accessing primary care treatment. *2014 Report on Medicaid Expansion and Premium Assistance*
- People with untreated psychiatric illnesses comprise one-third, or 250,000, of the estimated 744,000 homeless population. *2007 survey by the National Alliance to End Homelessness*

**“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”**

Helen Keller



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