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Fairfield DD Supports Local Transportation Services

LANCASTER, Ohio -- Having a reliable way to get around can make a big difference in a person's everyday life. It can mean getting to work, making it to an appointment, meeting up with friends, or taking part in activities in the community.

Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Fairfield DD) is providing a grant of \$50,000 to support local transportation initiatives and is working with Fairfield County Transit to help address gaps in transportation services.

Fairfield DD recently met with Fairfield Transit Director Aaron Kennedy and Operations Manager Brandie Hurd-Barringer to learn more about current services and talk about ways the organizations can work together to better support people with developmental disabilities.

"Transportation is an important part of independence and being connected to the community," said Kyle Miller, Director of Provider and Community Resources at Fairfield DD. "We want people and families to know what transportation options are available and feel comfortable using them. We also want to keep working with our community partners to find ways to make those options better."

LINK, Fairfield County Transit's local transportation service, has added new tools and technology to help make rides more efficient and reliable. A new scheduling system is improving efficiency, and the Pingo app allows LINK vehicles to be tracked in real time. Drivers have clear expectations to help ensure safe and reliable service, and cameras are installed in all LINK vehicles to help protect drivers and passengers.

Transit representatives have also offered to attend future Fairfield DD team meetings to talk about LINK services, answer questions, and share information about new technology and other transportation resources.

Partnering to strengthen public transportation is one way Fairfield DD is supporting people, increasing independence, and ensuring greater opportunities to be part of their communities. It also reflects the agency's mission to **bring about a vibrant community where people lead lives of greater independence and make meaningful contributions.**

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