

ITN*GreaterMercer*[™]

Keeping Older Adults Connected to their Communities

The Need

- Many older adults will outlive the decision to stop driving by 7-10 years
- Many prefer to ride in cars in order to provide them with greater flexibility and choice and keep them connected with their communities
- There is a range of transportation options available to older adults residing in Mercer County, which work very well for many types of trips. However, there are often limitations in terms of location, time, and assistance.

Planning a New Transportation Program

- Greater Mercer TMA is working to develop a new transportation program, the Independent Transportation Network (ITN*GreaterMercer*[™])
- ITN*GreaterMercer*[™] will provide dignified, responsive transportation keeping older adults connected to the community
- This program will supplement – not replace – existing transportation options for older adults in Mercer County.

Independence for Older Adults

- ITN*GreaterMercer*[™] is being designed to offer seniors the maximum in choice and freedom and an extra level of assistance:
 - Transportation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 - Volunteer and paid drivers providing door-to-door transportation and customer assistance.
 - Community partnerships supporting a cost-effective choice for older adults, through programs reducing the cost for older adults, including Shop & Ride, Healthy Miles, Road Scholarships, and gift certificates from family and friends
 - Older adults will establish memberships in ITN*GreaterMercer*[™] and maintain personal transportation accounts to pay for their transportation

How Can You Participate

- Sign up to become a member of ITN*GreaterMercer*[™]
- Volunteer to drive at least once a month
- Organize a small information meeting about the program
- Participate on a subcommittee: community outreach, volunteer recruitment, vehicle acquisition, fund raising
- Sign up to sponsor rides to your business or agency

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