

Solution Activity at the July 11th, 2018, Chelan-Douglas CHI Meeting

Solutions Broken Down into Categories:

The number is the score that the solution received out of 50

Employers:

- 47) Major employers (Eg., Confluence, WVC Stemilt, etc.) offer bus waivers for individuals interviewing.
- 21) Employers provide bus tokens to applicants. Employers fund certain number of tokens per month. Applicants can show proof of interview and receive tokens from Link Transit.
- 20) Employers can provide volunteer opportunities and fundraising.
- 23) Incentives for local companies to provide transportation when needed.

Community Funds/Fundraisers:

- 35) Create a community care fund that can be used by an agency to purchase tokens, gas cards, etc. (will need criteria for access)
- 33) Community services organizations raise funds for bus token scholarships. Disperse through agencies with job search.
- 16) Community fundraiser to purchase tokens.
- 30) Tokens are free and available at multiple locations and backed by funder.
- 18) Opportunity for those needing bus tokens to be able to work-community service for them-garbage pick up in their neighborhood or other needs-so many hours=bus tokens.

Link Transit:

- 34) Promote the idea of getting funded bus passes (limited to this program) that can be "coded" to the Link Transit phone app. ? source of funding.
- 33) A non-profit or Link Transit could offer vouchers, from grant funding to pilot the program, to distribute free passes or vouchers to qualifying social services organizations to give clients.
- 26) If organizations/programs that require bus tokens can pass out to participants for free funded from Link Transit.
- 21) Community-based, micro-lending-based out of Link station.
- 20) Link public transportation, jobforce/workforce, case management to assist and DSHS.

Stores/Local Businesses:

- 32) Partner with stores who can distribute paid coupons for folks who need them. Backed by funders.
- 29) Partner with local businesses and/or philanthropic groups to gather spare change at stores or restaurants. Spare change collected and tokens are purchased then distributed to the center for distribution.

EBT:

30) Active EBT card doubles as bus pass or will get you a steeply discounted monthly bus pass. Tokens can't cover all basic activities (job search/interviews, grocery shopping, picking child up) and a pass does not require individuals to repeatedly justify their transportation needs.

UBER and Volunteer Drivers:

28) Offer an uber like service: carpool style, employment benefit, grants, local donations/car money

26) Provide \$ for gas for volunteer drivers/mentors- target the retirement community.

19) 24/7 fuel and scale accessible hybrid cars/vans providing door to door support and transportation. Clients would have access to basic hydration, snacks and antibacterial wipes. Drivers trained to engage with basic employment conversation/interview and role-play.

Non-Medicaid Transformation:

27) Non-Medicaid transformation dollars distributed to the Center for allocation to members for transportation employment, treatment, housing and appointments. 90 days past/180 day limit.

Unemployment Benefits:

26) A supportive service that helps with transportation (gas cards, bus tokens) that works in conjunction with unemployment benefits

22) Job seekers- attend SkillSource ACE workshop (bus tokens provided). Enroll in OJT/train program and receive transportation assistance.

Farmworkers-OIC

Veterans- Esecurity

Link-Grants available?

-Reduced rate

Community Foundation ongoing grant

Chamber Meetings:

19) Representation at Chamber meetings. Looking for more community help. I think more people need to be aware of that this is a problem.

21) Are there grants that would cover bus tokens? Can the county be approached to offer additional funds? What challenges are the bus providers facing to meet this need?

MCO's:

17) Connect with MCO case manager for funding options (for Medicaid people).