



# SD Transition Newsletter

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## RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT



**Google Maps** is a free app you can use to find your way home, learn details about locations or stores, and calculate distances before travelling. It's especially useful if you want to discover eateries, shopping malls, gas stations, and more in your area. This app is great if you need directions to a specific place. Catch the bus or access other transportation options with real-time information! Available on both Apple and Android devices.

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## Let's Talk Transportation...

You are becoming more independent as you enter young adulthood. One great way to become more independent is to know about available transportation options and decide what will work best for you. This month's newsletter is going to highlight a few available transportation options. And I can help you explore your options and share what services are available to help you reach your transportation goal!

### ...Driver's License

For some, learning to drive can be a transition goal on your IEP. Here are some resources available to help you accomplish that goal!

**DRIVING MANUAL:** [dps.sd.gov/driver-licensing/south-dakota-licensing-information/driving-manuals](https://dps.sd.gov/driver-licensing/south-dakota-licensing-information/driving-manuals)

**DRIVER'S ED COURSES:** talk to your guidance counselor about classes through your school

**PRACTICE TESTS:** [driving-tests.org/south-dakota/](https://driving-tests.org/south-dakota/)

Once you have your learner's permit, there may be a need for behind-the-wheel training with an expert. If this is an interest, talk to me to see if there are available options locally.

### ...Vehicle Modifications

In some situations, special vehicle modifications are needed to help people with disabilities drive. These modifications can include wheelchair lifts and ramps, transfer seats, accelerator and pedal modifications, and hand controls. An assessment is needed to help determine most helpful devices then purchasing the devices and training is available if some are needed so feel free to ask me for more information!

### Did You Know?

*...You can request accommodations for your driver's exam. Call 605.773.6883 for more information or I can help you with this process!*

*contact me*



Name:

Phone:

Email:

[dhs.sd.gov/  
transitionresources.aspx](https://dhs.sd.gov/transitionresources.aspx)



## ...Uber and Lyft

Lyft and Uber are ride-hailing apps that operate in largely the same way:

Open their app, type in the address you want to go to, select the type of ride you want to take (single, shared or luxury), see the cost and confirm. You'll be able to see where your driver is and when they're going to arrive.

Pricing tends to be pretty similar for both Lyft and Uber, but fluctuate based on demand and traffic. If you're looking for the lowest price, the best way to make sure you get the best deal is to open both apps on your phone, type in your destination, and see which price is lower at that time.

Uber

lyft

## ! Uber & Lyft Safety Tips !

1. Wait for your ride in a safe place.
2. Always ask "What's my name?"
3. Verify the car and driver.
4. Don't ride alone.
5. Use trip-sharing features.
6. Consider more personal safety technology.
7. Let the driver know that the trip is being tracked.
8. Choose where to sit wisely.
9. Make sure your driver follows the rules of the road.
10. You need to follow the rules too.
11. Don't share personal information.
12. Trust your gut.
13. Be aware of traffic when entering and exiting the vehicle.
14. Give feedback about your trip and driver.

For more tips:  
[whatsmyname.org/safetytips](https://whatsmyname.org/safetytips)

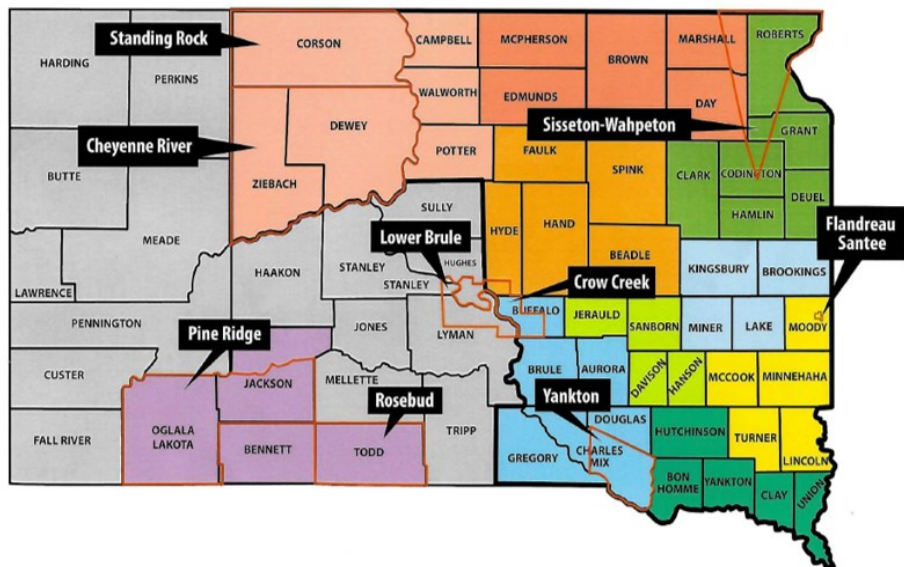
## ...Public Transportation

Utilizing your local public transportation options can be a very cost effective option for you. South Dakota has two agencies that will work with you on learning how to utilize this transportation option as well as train you on other needed independent living skills.

**Independent Living Choices**  
[ilchoices.org](https://ilchoices.org) or 605.362.3550

**Western Resources for Independent Living**  
[wril.org](https://wril.org) or 605.718.1930

Ask me about what public transportation is available in your community and if you need help connecting with the correct IL agency!



Independent Living Choices			ILC 605-362-3550	
Aberdeen 605-626-2976	Huron 605-353-6710	Mobridge 605-845-2526	Yankton 605-668-2940	Tribal Nations
Brookings 605-692-5550	Martin 605-685-1421	Sioux Falls 605-362-3550		
Chamberlain 605-234-1022	Mitchell 605-995-8141	Watertown 605-882-5249		