



TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT

ISSUE & BACKGROUND

KEY ISSUE

The Mockingbird Society's Northern Chapter has identified significant transportation gaps in Northwest Washington, creating challenges for community members in accessing essential services and resources. Limited transportation options impact youth, particularly those from underserved backgrounds, who face difficulties in reaching critical resources like healthcare, education, job opportunities, and social services.



CONTEXT

Historical underinvestment in transportation infrastructure has led to significant gaps in service availability, especially in rural areas. These gaps disproportionately affect those seeking homelessness services, foster youth and low-income families, leaving critical needs unmet.

IMPACT

The lack of reliable transportation hinders the ability of youth to achieve independence and access essential resources, exacerbating social inequities and limiting their future potential.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- **Collaborative Action:** The Mockingbird Society Northern Chapter will collaborate with local government agencies, transit authorities, and private organizations to identify and implement innovative transportation solutions. This may include rideshare partnerships, community shuttle services, and subsidized transit passes.
- **Legislative Pathway:** Instead of legislative changes, this initiative seeks to mobilize resources within the current public-private landscape, leveraging partnerships and existing community programs.





BENEFITS & OUTCOMES

Positive Outcomes:

- Enhanced access to essential services for youth.
- Improved education and employment opportunities through reliable transportation.
- Reduction in transportation costs for families in need.

Who Benefits:

Youth and young adults experiencing homelessness, youth in foster care, low-income families, and community members across Northwest Washington.

Social, Economic, or Public Health Benefits:

Increased access to services improves social stability, supports economic mobility, and fosters greater public health outcomes by ensuring critical needs are met.

Measurable Results:

Metrics to include the number of youth served, cost savings for families, and feedback on accessibility improvements.

TAKE ACTION

With increasing demands for equitable access to resources, it is essential to act promptly to bridge transportation gaps that inhibit youth from reaching essential services. Our immediate next steps are to engage with identified partners to initiate a pilot program, gather community input to tailor solutions, and secure initial funding from local stakeholders.

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