

Summer Day Camp Transportation

Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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When we provide transportation that is not specifically budgeted to the individual. We do not always recognize the cost and these expenses can become unreasonable. This has been the case over the past few years for the non-mandated service of Summer Day Camp Transportation. Even when we collect a fee like the \$40/50 per week we charged last summer, the fee only covers a small percentage of the cost and the transportation costs far exceed the cost of the camp.

By following the principals of self-determination and using individual budgets we have found that families can create more cost effective and satisfactory services if they are given information on the costs and if they have options and choice.

Cost information - On average the hourly cost of a commercial licensed driver is \$31 per hour which includes their salary and benefits. We estimate the cost to operate a van or small bus to be \$1.00 per mile and full size buses/shuttles at \$2.00 per mile.

Based on these factors, last year's costs for Recreation Unlimited operating for five weeks at five days per week was \$213.58 per child per week when these children rode on routes with 2-5 children per route. The small amount of riders on each route are due to the distance the children may be located and the availability of the drivers hours to drive for Recreation Unlimited. Families paid \$40-50 per week which left an average of \$168.58 per week of unreimbursed costs.

Rainbow Camp operated at Liberty Community Center served 16 children for the six week camp with a transportation budget of \$8989.15. The camp operated four days a week and children were in two groups that attended two days per week. The transportation cost for a child to attend the 12 days of camp was \$561.82 per child or \$46.82 per day. Transportation received \$16.00 per week per child for travel to and from Liberty Community Center from either Delaware City Schools or the child's parent. This was a total of \$560.00. Partners in Play received a grant to allow the children to go on field trips. The grant was for \$1000.00. Partners in Play reimbursed transportation for the amount of the grant for the extra trips the children took. This is a total of \$7429.15 of uncovered cost.

*** This includes total drivers hours (128.75) including field trips which were every day @ \$31.72 per hour. Also total miles driven (2452.6) including field trips @ \$2.00 per mile = \$8989.15 (total budget for 6 weeks camp).

*** Recreation Unlimited was driven in vans at \$1.00 per miles compared to buses for Rainbow at \$2.00 per mile. No field trips for Recreation Unlimited .

*** Includes total miles drove

The following policy clarifications and changes are proposed for the 2010 summer:

1. The Board will provide transportation services only in Delaware County and only to Delaware County residence who are eligible for Board services and for siblings of eligible individuals at the same address who are attending the same day camp on the same day as the eligible individual.
2. The Board will not expand transportation for day camp beyond the two programs currently served (Recreation Unlimited and Rainbow).
3. Families are to be made aware of the cost of the current options and are asked to make suggestions for cost saving. If costs cannot be better managed these options may be reduced or eliminated.

4. For 2010 the following fees will be charged.

Recreation Unlimited

\$50 per week for anyone living outside Delaware City Limits

\$40 per week for anyone living within Delaware City Limits

Rainbow Camp

\$16 per week for anyone wishing to use transportation

For those whom these fees would be a financial hardship they may make a written request to their Support Administrator to have these fees taken from their individual budgets.

5. For any other eligible individual or each sibling picked up at the same address the weekly fee will be half of the standard rate.
6. The Board is considering also charging the individual budget a percentage of the unreimbursed cost of transportation.

Fees are to be paid at least 10 business days in advance of the start of the service and made payable to Delaware County Developmental Disabilities Transportation, 1000 Alpha Drive, Delaware, OH 43015. If you have any questions please contact Brenda Layman, Transportation Supervisor at. 740-201-5809.