

# Issues Facing Our Community:

# TRANSPORTATION

## OVERVIEW

Often, those in poverty are living with the fewest transportation options for getting to jobs, childcare, healthcare, programs and services. This makes it harder for those effected to climb out of poverty. Without adequate transit for those living in poverty opportunities continue to pass them by.

## SERVICES/ORGANIZATIONS

Local services that have programming or the ability to assist with childcare needs.

- Rainbow Rider
- Car Care program
- WCMCA – Ready Ride
- VA Transportation
- Insurance reimbursement
- Salvation Army
- Love INC
- Church
- School buses
- Senior Companion
- Medi Van
- Peoples Express
- Taxi Services

- Uber
- Lyft
- Birthright
- Workforce Center
- Drivability Program

## NEEDS

Safe options

Dollars for:

- Emergency repairs
- Operational expenses
- Discretionary dollars

Diverse rider options:

- Seniors
- Children
- Disabled
- Rural
- Recreational

Consultation services

Gas vouchers

Bus passes

Volunteer drivers

## UNITED WAY COMMUNITY IMPACT COALITION

The coalition's strategic intent is to create long lasting impact in our community in the areas of education, income, and health by serving as a resource in identifying and meeting community needs, as well as being a resource to one another. Meetings take place once a month and are open to the community.

Learn more at [www.uwdp.prg](http://www.uwdp.prg)



## BARRIERS TO MEETING NEEDS

Service hours

Emergency situations

Bus guidelines

Band-Aid fixing

1 Car households

Efficiency of services

(1 Person on bus = not efficient)

Drivers obstacles:

- No car insurance
- No/revoked licenses

Mobility/disability

Liability

Program funding

Service hours

No food bags allowed on busing

POPE COUNTY

United Way of Douglas  
& Pope Counties



# POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- Mental Health partners
  - Roadside Assistance
  - Community Networks
- Education (care maintenance and repair - prev.)
- Education on services available

- Carpooling
- Awareness
- Bring services to people (in home or delivery options)
- Incentives for assistance (food, books, gas card)

- Bike Program for transportation in town
- Consultation
- Legislation "Getting to work"