



## The Road to Independence

The Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) operates the Road to Independence WorkFirst Van Program. This program provides a no-cost, employment related ride service to eligible participants in North & East Pierce County and South King County.

To qualify for transportation services with our program, riders must

- Those with special needs, veterans, seniors, youth, and other transportation disadvantaged
- Reside in a location in which there is limited and/or no public transit available or would be unable to self-transport to their destination
- Have an appropriate community or social service agency referral or be working with a case manager
- Traveling to/from their work-site or approved work related activity, or training.
- Be able to board/disembark a large passenger van unassisted

While we do provide transportation for people with special needs, our vehicles are not accessible, riders must be ambulatory. Our drivers are in training, therefore, do not exit the vehicle to assist riders.

Our hours of operation are 6 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday. We are closed in observance of federal holidays.

Free CDL Training & Volunteer Opportunity:

PSESD is actively recruiting volunteer drivers for the Road to Independence Van Program!

We offer a driver training opportunity for Volunteers and WorkFirst participants.

We Dispatch out of Pacific, WA. All trips are done in a company vehicle.

Drivers who commit to approx. 120 volunteer hours will be offered a Certified Commercial Driver License Training Course for a CDL Class B. This training is offered at no-cost, as a thank you for your time.

Minimum Driver Qualifications:

- 21 years of age (25 years of age, if you wish to be a school bus driver)
- Hold an acceptable driving record for a least 3 years
- Pass a federal background check with fingerprinting
- Submit to drug and alcohol screenings

To inquire about volunteering with the Road to Independence, to schedule or cancel a ride, please contact Samantha Jolin at **(253) 778-7958** or **(800) 664-4549 ext. 7958**.

If you have questions regarding the Road to Independence policies please Call Jacqueline Mann at **(800) 664-4549 ext. 7886**.