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“BABY ON BOARD” PROGRAM DETAILS

The “Baby on Board” program provides free monthly fixed route bus passes for pregnant women or mothers (or other custodial parent/caretaker) with a child under 2 years of age. Qualifying mothers will receive up to two free ACRTA bus passes per family per household. This program is not income-based. (*“fixed route” = a predetermined location the bus will stop at a certain time/day*)

How does it work?

- The mother will visit a partner agency to discuss the “Baby on Board” program.
- A list of partner agencies can be found here: www.lacrpc.com/babyonboard.
- The agency employee will gather basic information from the mother, fill out the online form that will be submitted to ACRTA, and then give the mother one to two bus passes the day of the visit. The pass will activate upon its first use and will be stamped with the activation date on the bus.
- To obtain another pass, the mother must contact the caseworker to receive new pass(es). We recommend arranging for a new pass about one week before the previous pass will expired.
- Once the child turns 2 years old, the mother will no longer qualify for the program. In the event the mother becomes pregnant again, she is eligible for the program to restart.

Why ride the bus?

- Buses are safe and reliable. Infant car seats are not required on buses, so if a mother doesn’t have a car seat, a car, a driver’s license, etc., she may use the bus to get around for her daily needs. *While infant seats are not required by law on a bus, if a mother has a seat/carrier available, it is always the safest practice.*
- A way to ensure moms and babies get to and from doctors appointments and other places in order to live a healthier, safer and more convenient life so that mother and baby can thrive. Use the pass to go to doctor’s appointments, grocery stores, daycare, work, school, etc.
- All buses have stroller ramps and are wheelchair accessible. They are also all equipped with bike racks.

How do I learn to ride the bus and how will I know which bus to choose?

- Visit ACRTA’s website for information and to view routes and plan trips: www.acrta.com.
- There are 10 available daily fixed routes.
- Bus service is generally six days a week. There are limited fixed routes on Saturdays and no routes on Sundays or holidays. *ACRTA does offer more transportation options like door-to-door service, but that would be for a fee and would need to be arranged over-the-phone at the ACRTA transfer center.*
- Watch the “How to Ride” videos and see brochures in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. Scan the QR code below and click the link that pops up. Videos can also be found at www.acrta.com.
- Free in-person multilingual bus training is available. Email mkinnear@lacrpc.com to schedule assistance.
- Download the “Allen County RTA App” to see bus routes and locations and the “Translation App” to help translate bus information over a phone call. Scan the QR codes below.

What will I receive today?

- One or two free monthly bus passes.
- “How to Ride” brochures - if needed.
- Bus route brochures/maps - if needed.



Translation App



Rider App



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“BABY ON BOARD” CONSENT FORM

To be completed by person receiving the bus pass(es).

I consent to be enrolled in the the “Baby on Board” program in Allen County, Ohio, in order to receive free monthly Allen County RTA bus passes on an as-needed basis. I understand to qualify I have to be pregnant, or be a parent or legal guardian of a child under age 2. I will have to provide a due date or my child’s birthdate along with some other information. I understand that my information will be kept private and will only be used for grant program assessing and basic demographic details for helping determine level of needs throughout the county. I agree to not abuse the program by receiving the passes when I don’t need them and will not sell my passes for any financial gain or benefit.

By signing this, I am agreeing to comply with the Baby on Board program and give my permission for my case worker/agency administering the pass to:

- Collect my basic information for the program.
- Share this information with Allen County RTA and partnering agencies only for the purpose of providing me with a bus pass and to assess the level of success of the program.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(This form is for office use. Scan or copy for agency’s records. Give original to client.)