

SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS for SENIORS

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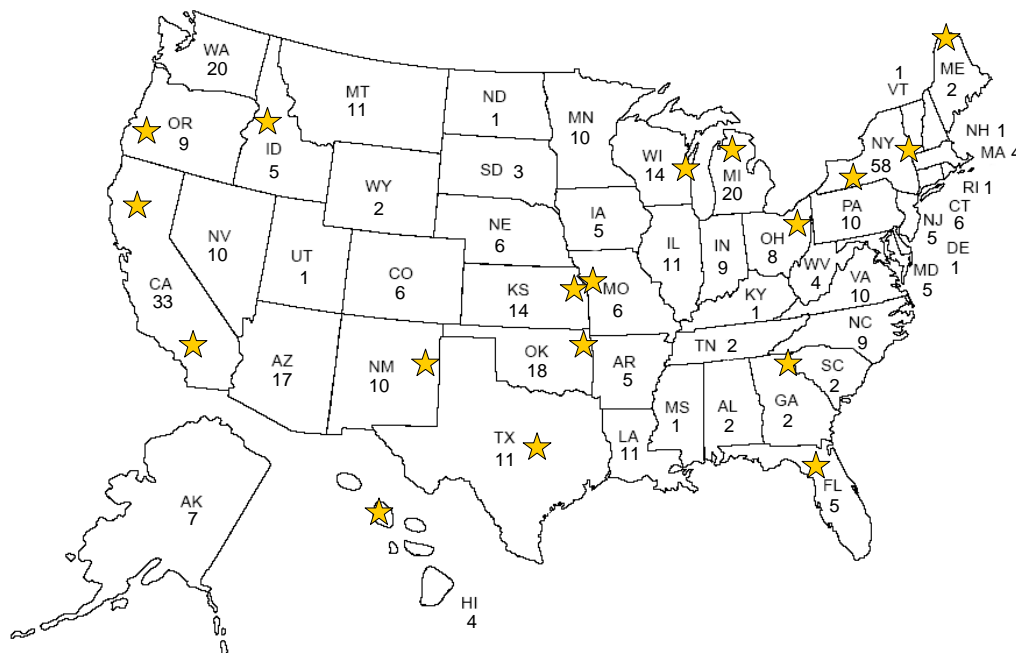
STAR AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE *STAR Search 2000-2004*

The Beverly Foundation of Pasadena, California, has undertaken four national STAR* Search surveys to identify STPs (Supplemental Transportation Programs for seniors) throughout the United States.

STAR Search

STAR Search surveys were undertaken in 2000-2004. The project has produced considerable data related to more than 450 STPs. Each STPs is included in a comprehensive database with information on its history, location, organization, services, finances, and risk management. In addition, to the development of profiles for each entry in the data base, program reviews and case studies are available for many of the winners of the STAR Award for Excellence.

The results of the survey indicate that communities across America are organizing locally based transportation programs for seniors. The location of the more than 400 STPs that have been identified through STAR Search and are indicated on the map below.



* STAR Search stands for Senior Transportation Action Response (STAR) Search. The map was originally prepared by staff of the Beverly Foundation in 2001 and updated in January 2004.

STAR Awards for Excellence

The STAR Awards are "for Excellence" because of the desire to identify, recognize and promote innovation and excellence as much as "promising practices". The criteria for their selection have included:

- Community Response (more than a traditional transportation program)
- Community Ties (involvement of community sponsors and volunteers)
- Attention to Special Circumstances (transportation escorts for assistance)
- Purpose (emphasis on seniors and multipurpose riders)
- Staff (mix of paid and volunteer, especially drivers)
- Budget (budget information provided)
- Stability (in operation for a period of time, e.g., 5 years)

The winners of STAR Awards for Excellence thus far are listed below.

- (1) Ride Connection – Portland, OR
- (2) San Felipe Elderly Transportation Program - San Felipe, NM
- (3) Shepherd's Center Escort Transportation - Kalamazoo, MI
- (4) Shepherd's Center of the Northland – Kansas City, MO*
- (5) Transportation Reimbursement & Information Project (TRIP) – Riverside, CA
- (6) Wesley Community Services – Cincinnati, OH*
- (7) West Austin Caregivers – Austin, TX
- (8) Area IV Agency on Aging Senior Transportation Program – Twin Falls, ID
- (9) Campbell-Stone North Apartments, Inc – Atlanta, GA*
- (10) Community Health Representative Program of Muscogee (Creek) Nation – Okmulgee, OK*
- (11) Gadabout Transportation Service – Ithaca, NY
- (12) Gold Country Telecare, Inc. – Grass Valley, CA
- (13) Independent Transportation Network (ITN) – Westbrook, MN
- (14) Jefferson County Service Organization - Oskaloosa, KS
- (15) Lac du Flambeau Senior and Disability Services – Lac du Flambeau, WI*
- (16) Lauderhill Transportation Program - Lauderhill, FL
- (17) Project DANA – Honolulu, HI*
- (18) Rensselaer County – Troy, NY*
- (19) Partners in Caregiving – Greater Austin Area, TX

STAR Awards 2005

In 2005, STAR Search targets volunteer driver programs. The survey is expected to produce information about the programs as well as the volunteer drivers and riders. The results of this survey and the winners of the STAR Award for Excellence will be announced in late 2005.

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