

Community partners and friends,

First, I am thrilled to share with you an upcoming opportunity being offered through DMPL and the Iowa DOT for individuals experiencing difficulties in obtaining valid state identification. As many of you know, there are multiple barriers to getting an ID without the required supporting documentation in place (social security card, birth certificate, mailing address, etc.). This often results in individuals missing out or giving up on benefits or opportunities they may have otherwise been eligible for. Bottom line is you need ID to get ID. The DOT has recognized the difficulties and barriers that many of our unhoused or in-need residents have experienced in trying to get a replacement ID and has created a special opportunity with DMPL to better serve these individuals. **On May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Iowa DOT will hold an event at Central Library to print and issue a valid state of Iowa ID with no supporting documentation required.** They will do this based solely off a person's photo from their last issued ID. The only criterion for eligibility is that the person **\*must\*** have had an Iowa ID in the past. It does not matter if their last ID has expired or was issued 20 years ago; as long as they have ever had an Iowa ID, they will qualify for this program. Through a very generous donation we received from Gateway Church, DMPL is able to cover the costs of IDs for all participants. We hope to hold these quarterly, with our first event scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>. **There are 50 slots available for the May 9<sup>th</sup> event, and registration is required through me.** I am asking that you, as providers, reach out to me about coordinating timeslots for eligible candidates. The event will last from 9am-4pm with 15–20-minute timeslots for each individual. The person registered for the event is responsible for showing up on time for their slot. Registration will be on a first-come first-serve basis. Once I run the person's name through the DOT system, I will reach back out to confirm their assigned timeslot for the May 9<sup>th</sup> event. This is a big deal, and I am so excited!!

Second, a quick update on our quarterly "How to Ride" trainings through DART. With the (unexpected) popularity in these trainings, DART has asked that we limit seats to individuals who have not previously attended a training within the last calendar year. We are also capping the limit to a maximum of 50 attendees per training. Registration will now be required prior to the event. All interested parties must register through myself either by phone or email. If you have a client that is interested in attending, and meets this criterion, please reach out to me directly to register them for the training. For those unfamiliar with these training, a large draw for participants is the free monthly bus pass offered at the end. We also changed the dates of the next trainings to **\*not\*** fall on outreach project days, to reduce any confusion for ineligible participants. The new dates are as follows:

- 4/24/24 2:00-3:00pm Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
- 7/24/24 2:00-3:00pm Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
- 11/6/24 2:00-3:00pm Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks to all for everything you do,  
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