

TRIP

TRANSPORTATION
REALLY IS POSSIBLE

The **Transportation Really Is Possible (TRIP)** program provides funding for county Departments of Social Services to help young people in foster care obtain their driver's licenses, learner's permits and assist with other driving-related costs.



What costs can be covered?

- Driver's education courses
- Learner's permit and driver's license fees
- Vehicle insurance
- Other associated costs (ex. incentives for caregivers, vehicle inspection and registration fees for young people obtaining vehicles, etc.)

Tips for Young People

- Contact your social worker at the county Department of Social Services for more information about TRIP
- Enroll in the driver's education program offered at your high school or through a private driving school, depending on the situation
- Make sure you have the necessary identification forms, as well as an appropriate person (Guardian ad Litem, attorney advocate, or director or director's designee from county Department of Social Services, or the court) to sign the permit or driver's license application
- Be prepared for all driving tests

Tips for Foster Parents

- Contact the young person's social worker at the county Department of Social Services for more information about TRIP
- Supervising Driver - Must be a licensed driver for at least five years. The supervising driver can be a foster parent, or other person approved by the county Department of Social Services
- Signing Applications - Foster youth applications for permits or licenses can be signed by a Guardian ad Litem or attorney advocate, the director or director's designee of the county Department of Social Services, or the court
- A probation officer or the young person's social worker may also sign a minor's application, provided the minor can provide proof of financial responsibility

