

BRTA Intermodal Transit Center, One Columbus Avenue, Pittsfield, MA

## How does a BRTA Travel Trainer help you?

The certified Travel Trainer will assist interested parties enhance transportation skills by teaching:

- Bus Route Training
- Trip Planning
- Street Crossing
- Community Safety Awareness
- Proper Wheelchair Securement
- Bus Fare Structure
- Bicycle Rack Positioning

# Who We Are About Us

The Berkshire Regional Transit Authority provides public transportation services to its 24 member communities within Berkshire County, the western most region of Massachusetts. The BRTA's daily service area spans a region as large as Rhode Island; bordered by Vermont to the north. New York to the west and Connecticut to the south. Fixed route service is provided by fourteen bus routes in 12 communities from Williamstown to Great Barrington, Monday through Saturday. Paratransit services are provided to eligible persons from the BRTA's member communities for ambulatory, non-ambulatory, or complementary paratransit ADA service.

#### **Days of Bus Operation**

Monday-Friday: 5:45 AM-7:20 PM Saturday: 7:15 AM-7:00 PM Sunday: No Service

	FULL FARE ADULT	
	Cash	Charlie Card
Local	\$1.75	\$ 1.55
System Wide		
Wide	\$4.50	\$ 4.00

	REDUCED FARE ADULT	
	Cash	Charlie Card
Local	\$0.85	\$ 0.75
System Wide		
Wide	\$2.25	\$ 2.00



## Berkshire Regional Transit Authority

## **Travel Training Program**

The Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) Travel Training Program is designed to assist individuals, groups, students, the disabled community, and seniors in traveling independently through Berkshire County.



Charlie Card Fare System

#### What is Travel Training?

Travel Training is a self-paced process, where an individual, regardless of ability or age, can learn to ride the public bus transportation system.

The training process is individualized to meet your personal needs, with an overall emphasis on safety. A qualified mobility instructor will travel with you to your desired locations, at times of your convenience. Your instructor will stay with you, teaching you techniques for safe travel until you are ready to travel on your own.

There is no fee for this service.

### Why is Travel Training Important?

Teaching a person to self-travel can have a number of benefits. Independent travel can support the individual in broadening their involvement within the community and allow them to make use of more recreational, educational, and employment opportunities. Self-travel can also aid in improving self-esteem, which can encourage an individual to learn new skills and take advantage of more opportunities to function independently and become more selfreliant.

One of the BRTA mini-buses with wi-fi.





Information Bus for Charlie Cards and Travel Training

## Information Bus for Charlie Cards and Travel Training

The BRTA Travel Training Program has access to the Information Bus for Charlie Cards and Travel Training. This is an actual mini-bus where instruction will take place. Individuals and/or groups can purchase Charlie Cards and become more familiar with a BRTA bus. Please contact BRTA for more information or to schedule an appointment:

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority Travel Training Program <u>traveltraining@berkshirerta.com</u> (413) 499-2782 #2900