

ARI OF CONNECTICUT, INC.
POLICY ON VEHICLE ACCESSIBILITY

Subject: Accessibility

Policy: It has been the policy of ARI of Connecticut, Inc., to be actively involved in removing all barriers to transportation, in compliance with the ADA, for people with disabilities within the organization.

Procedure: ARI of Connecticut, Inc. demonstrates its policy on vehicle accessibility by the following:

- ARI of Connecticut, Inc. provides opportunity for person served input into assessing needs and making plans for the implementation of this policy, through person served meetings, action teams, and Board meetings.
- A plan of action addressing barriers will be completed and reviewed annually by the Board.
- Potential transportation barriers to ARI's services are identified through the annual Individualized Planning meetings. Any potential barriers to transportation are identified and addressed at these meetings.
- In the event that a barrier is identified at another time throughout the year, an AdHoc meeting may be called to address barriers to transportation.
- ARI of Connecticut, Inc. will allow all individuals the ability to utilize lifts and ramps when boarding vehicles regardless of whether they require adaptive equipment to ambulate. Accommodations will be made to allow these individuals to access the vehicle via lifts and ramps. Information on this policy will be conveyed to individuals accessing transportation
- ARI of Connecticut, Inc. will allow all individuals requiring respirators or portable oxygen the ability to utilize transportation. Accommodations will be made to allow these individuals to be transported. ARI will take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety and well-being of all passengers while a passenger is using a respirator or portable oxygen. Information on this policy will be conveyed to individuals accessing transportation
- ARI of Connecticut, Inc. will allow all individuals the ability to be accompanied by service animals when utilizing transportation. Accommodations will be made to allow these individuals to be transported with their service animal. ARI will ensure the safety and well-being of all passengers including those needing service animals. Information on this policy will be conveyed to individuals accessing transportation
- The staff of ARI of Connecticut, Inc. actively assists all persons served to access their community through the provision of travel training, job placement supports, community experience programs, recreation programs, etc.
- Information on the above policies will be conveyed to individuals accessing transportation.
- This policy will be reviewed by ARI of Connecticut, Inc. at least every three years.