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Moving On, Moving Out in the World:

Hit a Road Block? Providing Solutions to Off-Campus Community-Based Instruction During Orientation & Mobility Lessons



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Hit A Roadblock?



- First Job out of Grad School:
Prince George's County, Maryland
~District Vehicles provided to all 3
O&M Specialists rather than receive
reimbursement for mileage

I thought this was the norm for all O&M jobs!

Hit A Roadblock?



- Horry County Schools, South Carolina
 - ~had always contracted out O&M Services through State School for the Blind, finally decided to hire someone full-time to set up O&M program for the school district

Supervisor who had hired me had no idea what O&M entailed!

Hit A Roadblock?



- Never occurred to me to ask how I would transport students for lessons
- Provided documentation on need for community-based instruction during O&M lessons
- Brainstorming Session: Cab? Bus? Driver's Ed Vehicle? Rental Car?
- Created a permission form for parents to sign, based on the forms I had used in Maryland

Hit A Roadblock?



- Seattle Public Schools, Seattle, Washington
 - ~First question during interview: “How do you go about transporting students for O&M lessons?”
 - ~Shared permission forms from Maryland & South Carolina with supervisor & tweaked as needed

Hit A Roadblock?



- Part-time work in 2 other school districts in Washington State
 - ~Olympic Peninsula
 - ~Issaquah School District

Hit A Roadblock?



- O&M interns from Salus University, (Pennsylvania) & University of British Columbia (Canada)
 - ~The first question I tell them to ask during the interview process is “How do your O&M Specialists transport students for lessons?”

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- Your Experiences...
- Contact Me!

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