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Community Transportation as a Partner in Transition

Partners in Transition

Workforce & Transition Training

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Presentation Overview

- Introductions
 - Attendees
 - Objectives
- Introduction to Community Transportation: 2000 Level
- Community Transportation Resources in Florida
- Case Examples
- Summary
- Field Tests?
- Q & A

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Introductions & Training Objectives

- Attendees
 - Agency
 - County
- Course Objectives
 - Basic understanding of community (human service and public) transportation services funding
 - Basic understanding of transportation resources available in Florida
 - Awareness of how to access local transportation resources
 - Strategies to integrate transportation into transition programs

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Introduction to Community Transportation: 2000 Level

- Community transportation
 - Human service transportation
 - Public transportation
- More than 64 programs
- Funding sources and mechanisms
- Program implementation

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Human Service Transportation

- Provided by organizations such as homeless shelters, youth development, job training, crime prevention, soup kitchens, recreation and sports, etc.
- Agencies may use their vehicles or purchase the services for their clients
- Eligibility is decided by the human services organization

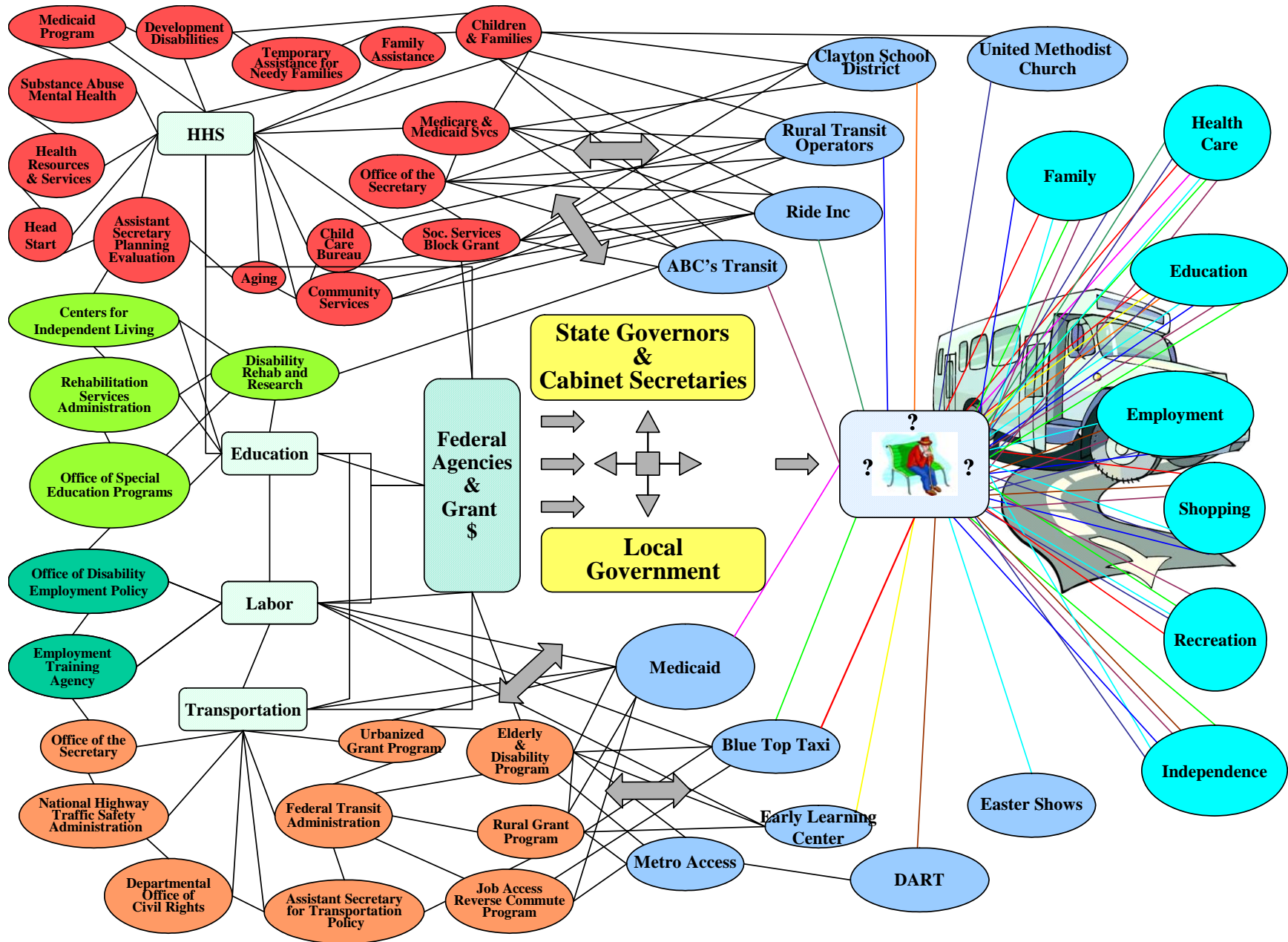
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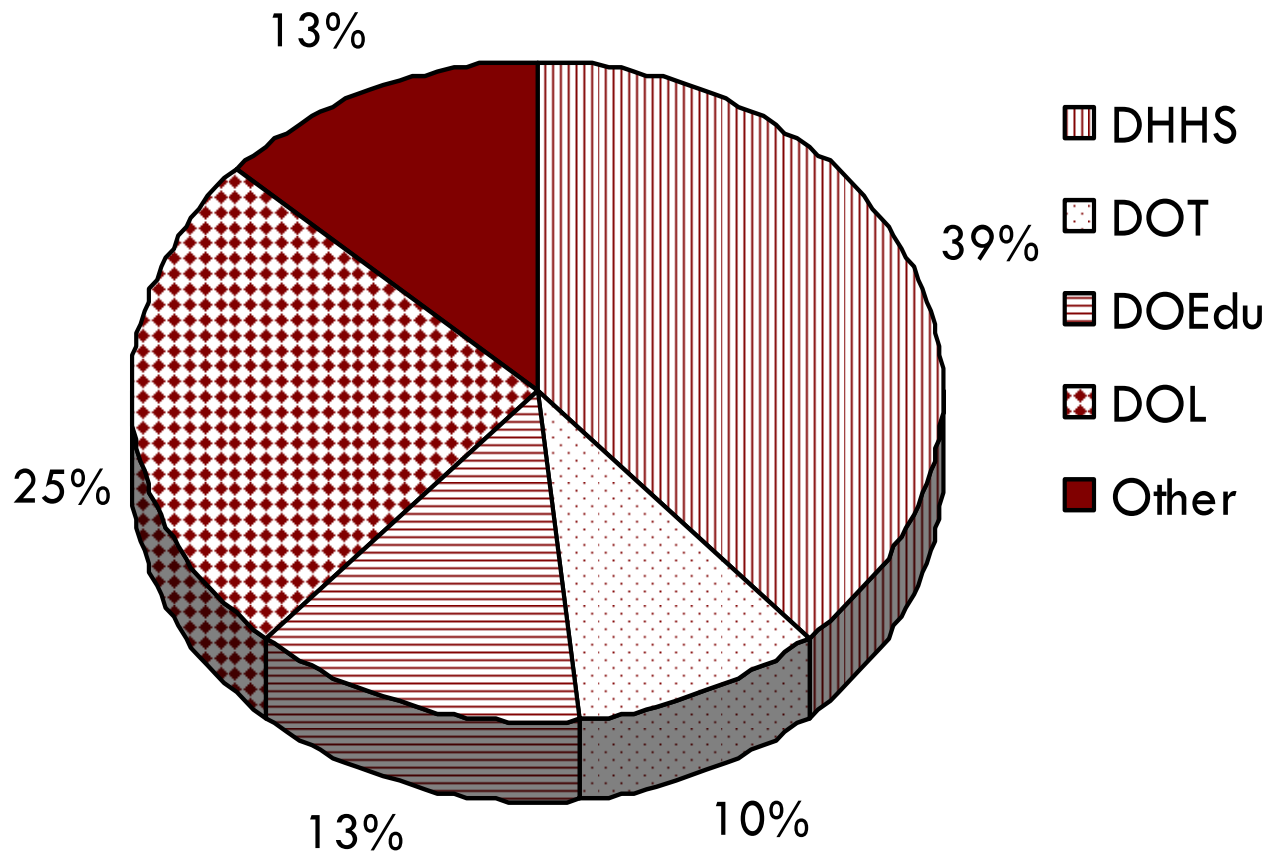
Public Transportation

- (AKA mass transit) Services that provided by an agency that has been chosen to receive funds from the Federal Transit Administration of the United States Department of Transportation to serve the public
- Agencies sometimes are known as “designated recipients”
- Public transportation may be provided human service organizations, particularly in rural or small urban areas
- Also programs to improve both types of transportation and how the two can better serve the public

Array of Programs & Funding



Agencies Providing Transportation Services by %



Source: Government Accounting Office 2003

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Federal Transportation Legislation

- USDHHS
 - Majority of programs and funding
 - E.g., Medicaid, Social Services Block Grants, State Children's Health Insurance Program, etc.
- USDOT
 - Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient
Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
(SAFETEA- LU)

A sign for the Harting University Area Transit Center, featuring the name 'HARTING' in a stylized font above 'UNIVERSITY AREA TRANSIT CENTER' in a bold, sans-serif font. The sign is mounted on a green structure with white pillars.

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- USDOT Surface Transportation Authorization
- Makes available funds to purchase vehicles, plan, and provide public transportation
 - Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Program
 - Job Access and Reverse Commute
 - New Freedom
 - Nonurbanized Formula Grants
 - United We Ride (UWR)
 - Urbanized Formula Grants

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Implementation of Federal Programs

- Federal agencies make funds available to States and local agencies
- States provide oversight
- Local agencies provide transportation services
 - Public
 - Transportation authorities, cities, counties, etc.
 - Private (for-profit and nonprofit)

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Community Transportation Resources in Florida

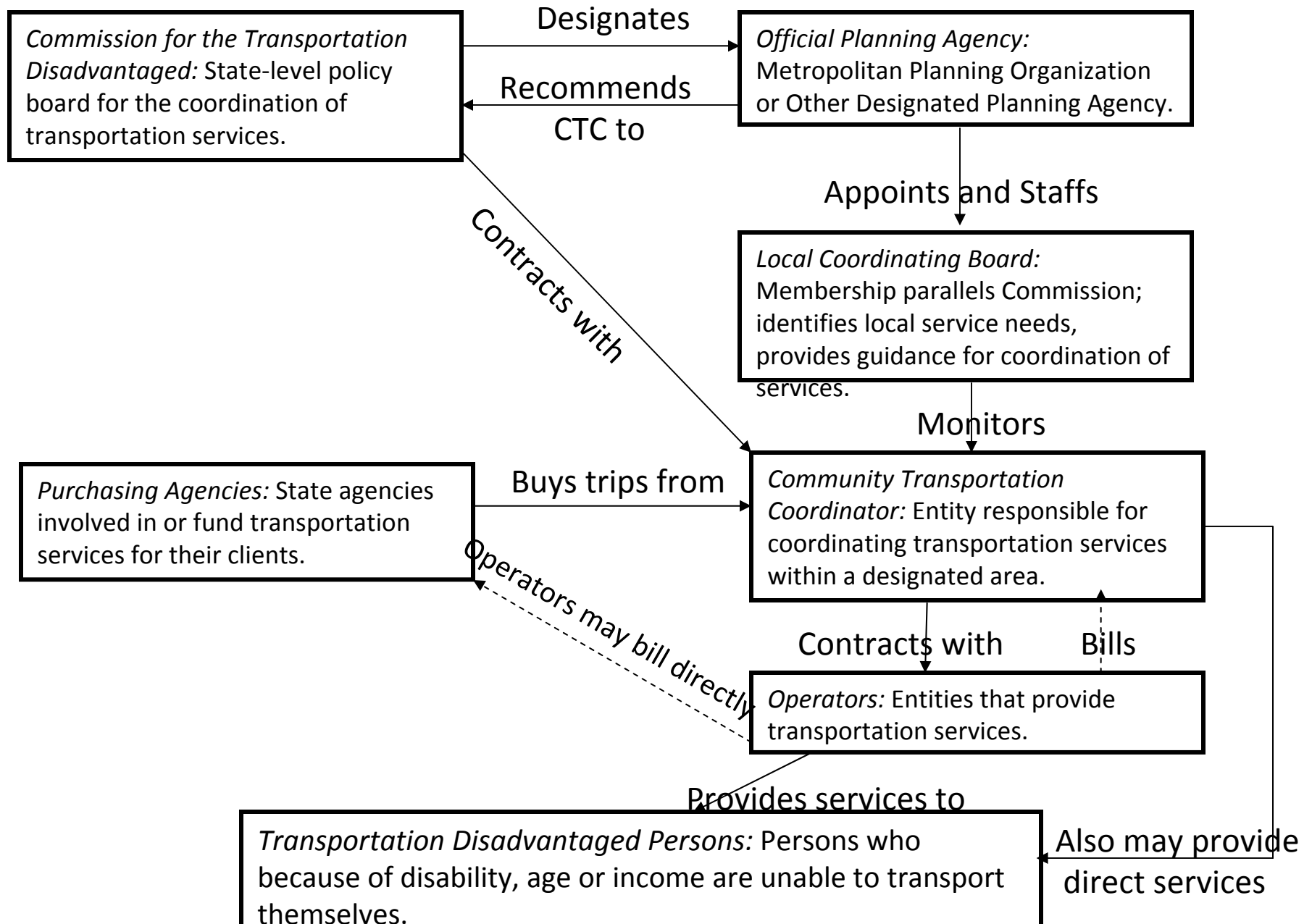
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):
Lead Agency
 - Commission for the Transportation (CTD),
<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/ctd/>
 - FDOT Public Transit Office,
<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/transit/>
- Urbanized areas: Transit authorities

A photograph of the University Area Transit Center (UATC) building. The building has a green and white facade with a sign that reads "UNIVERSITY AREA TRANSIT CENTER". A palm tree is in the foreground, and a bus is visible in the background. The text "Commission for the Transportation (CTD)" is overlaid on the image.

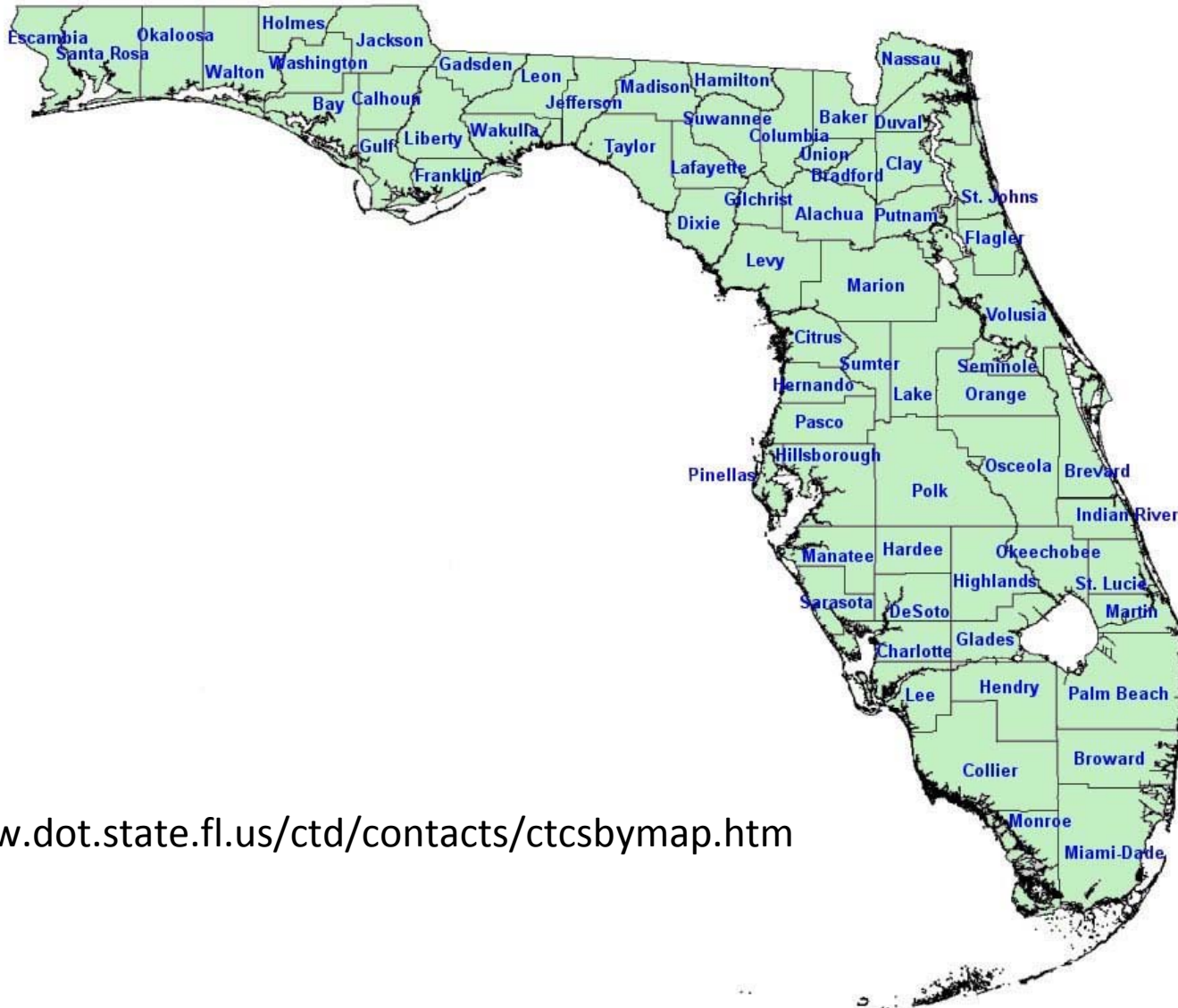
Commission for the Transportation (CTD)

- Mission: to ensure the availability of efficient, cost-effective, and quality transportation services for transportation disadvantaged (TD) persons
- TD may include
 - persons with disabilities,
 - older persons, or
 - persons living in low-income households

TD Program Concept Chart



CTCs & STPs by County



<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/ctd/contacts/ctcsbymap.htm>

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FDOT Public Transit Office

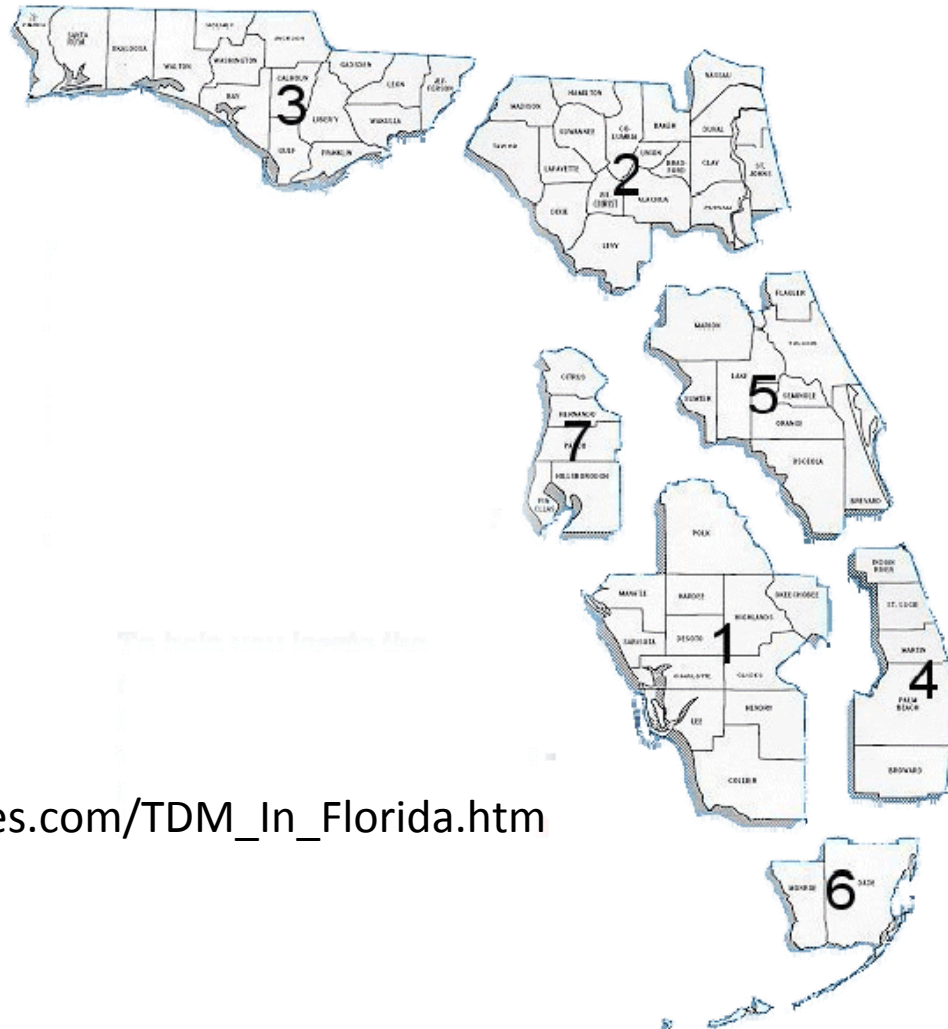
- Mission: to identify, support, advance and manage cost effective, efficient and safe transportation systems and alternatives to maximize the passenger carrying capacity of surface transportation facilities.
- Three sections
 - Transit Planning;
 - Grants Administration;
 - Transit Operations

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Grant Administration and Commuter Assistance

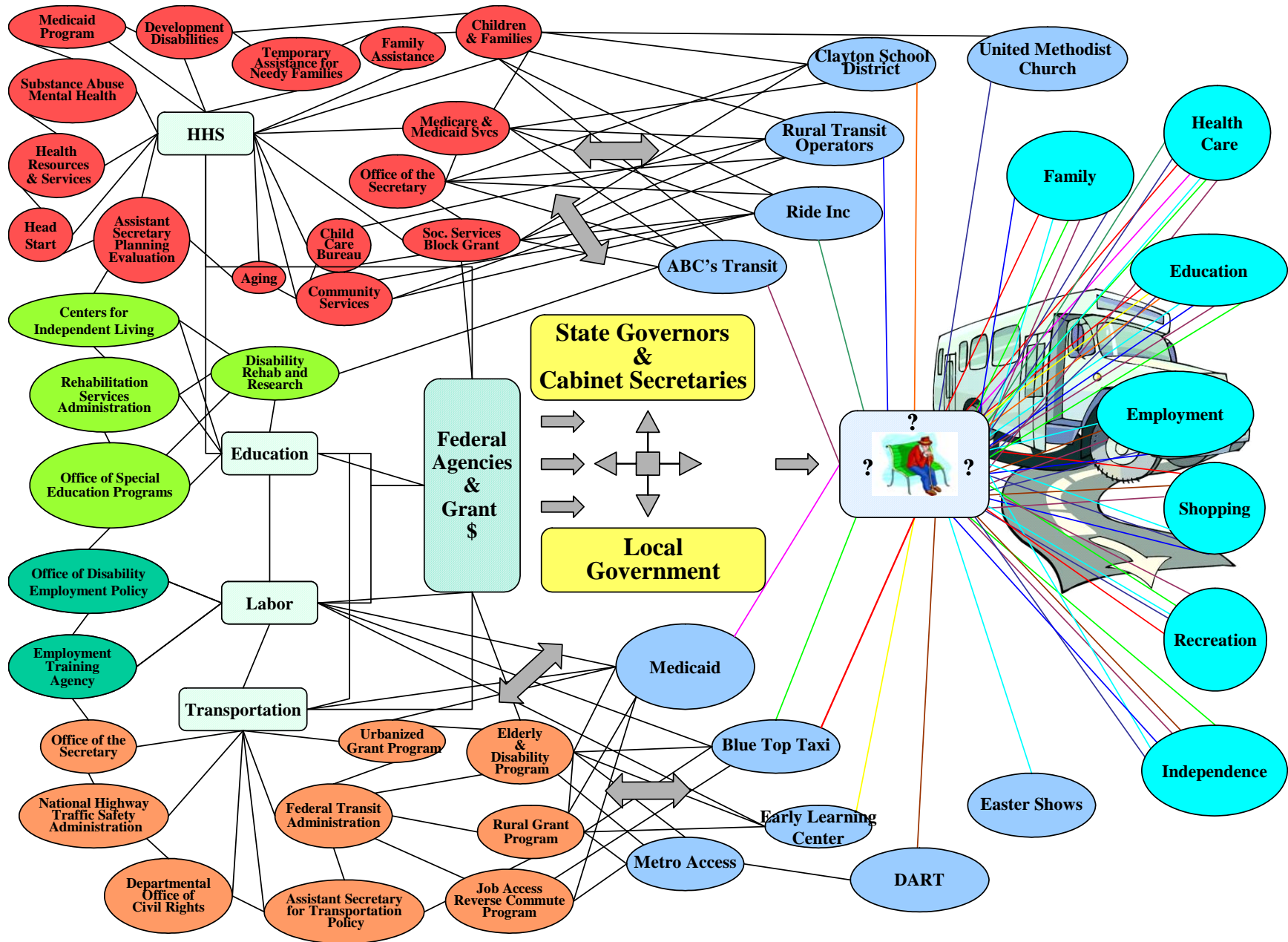
- Statewide programs grant administration
 - (Nonurbanized or) rural and small urban program
 - Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities
 - Statewide planning
- Commuter Assistance
 - Purpose: to provide travel choices to ensure mobility, sustain the quality of the environment, preserve community values and reduce energy consumption.

Commuter Services and Transit Agencies in Florida



http://www.commuterservices.com/TDM_In_Florida.htm

Array of Programs & Funding



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Case Examples

- Alachua County
- Baker County
- Brevard County
- Broward County

Alachua County

Community Transportation Coordinator

MV Transit

Phone: (352) 375-2784 Web Site:

<http://www.mvgainesville.com>

Commuter Service Agencies

City of Alachua, AlachuWay CATS

Phone: (386) 418-6140

Web Site:

http://www.cityofalachua.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7BEB77090F-1DAC-48BF-A03A-EB5C60F8125F%7D

City of Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS)

Phone: (352) 334-2600

Web Site: <http://www.go-rt.com/>

FloridaWorks GreenRide

Phone: (352) 955-2245

Web Site:

<http://portal.greenride.com/floridaworks/home.aspx>

Public Transit Agency

City of Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS)

Phone: (352) 334-2600

Web Site: <http://www.go-rt.com/>

Baker County

Community Transportation Coordinator

Baker County Council on Aging

Phone: (904) 259-9315

Public Transit Agency

Brevard County

**Community Transportation Coordinator,
Commuter Service,
and
Public Transit Agency**

Space Coast Area Transit

Phone: (321) 635-7815

Web Site: <http://www.ridescat.com/>

Subcontracted Services

TMS of Brevard, Inc.

Phone: (321) 574-5509

Broward County

Community Transportation Coordinator and Public Transit Agency

Broward County Board of County Commissioners

Phone: (954) 357-8494

<http://www.co.broward.fl.us/bct/>

Tri-Rail (South Florida Regional Transportation Authority,
SFRTA)

Phone: (800) TRI-RAIL (874-7245)

(888) GP-SFRTA (467-3782)

TDD: (800) 273-7545

<http://www.tri-rail.com/>

Commuter Service Agency

South Florida Commuter Services

5217 NW 33rd Ave

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Toll-free: (800) 234-RIDE (7433)

Fax: (954) 731-7319

<http://www.1800234ride.com/>

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Planning Trips

- Contact local CTC
- Work with CTC to determine type of trip
 - Fixed route?
 - Door-to-door/paratransit/specialized transit?
 - Program sponsored?
- Other considerations
 - Assistive devices
 - Travel training

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Strategies to Integrate Transportation into Transition Programs

- Cross-service
 - Representation on local transportation coordination board and vice-versa
 - Representation on or by planning agency Citizen Advisory Committee or Technical Advisory Committee

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Strategies to Integrate Transportation into Transition Programs

- Cross-training
 - Travel training as a group
 - See Easter Seals Project Action, https://secure2.convio.net/es/site/Ecommerce/1393760492?FOLDER=1023&store_id=3863
 - Training for transit agencies, operators
- Coordination and United We Ride, www.unitedweride.gov

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Field Test Opportunity

- FDDC Transportation Guidebook
- Contact information at the end

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Summary

- Federal programs with local delivery
- Begin trip planning with the CTC or local transit operator
- Longer-term: board and/or committee representation
- Even longer term: coordination strategies



Q & A



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