

The Arc Tank^{2.0}

STRONGER COMMUNITIES THROUGH OPEN AND ORGANIZED TRANSPORTATION

(SCOOT)



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INTRODUCTION

Transportation is one of the most significant barriers between people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their full participation in the community. Public transportation can meet some needs but schedules in the suburbs are not friendly. Some suburbs have no public transportation. Ridesharing such as Uber and Lyft can be an option for some people. But, our experience is that many families do not trust an unknown driver to transport their loved one with I/DD. This leaves many individuals without reliable transportation that would allow them to participate more fully in the community. The goal of the SCOOT project is to develop a mobile app to provide ridesharing transportation for persons with disabilities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is unique in that the rideshare drivers will be Direct Support Professionals (DSPs). We currently have DSPs who drive for Uber and Lyft. This will allow them to drive specifically for persons with I/DD. This will allow families to be more comfortable with the driver taking their loved one to a community event, shopping, the movies, church, etc.

SCOOT, the mobile app, will serve as a conduit to connect a person with I/DD and a DSP driver. The passenger will see the profile of the driver and be able to choose the driver. Rides can be made on demand or can be scheduled in advance. The financial transaction will be between the passenger and the driver using a mobile pay app such as Venmo or CashApp. Drivers will use their own vehicles and provide this service separate from their employment.