

Strengthening Inclusive Coordinated Transportation

What's Research Got to do with it?
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Speaker Biographies

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Del is an associate research fellow with the Small Urban & Rural Transit Center (SURTC) located at North Dakota State University (NDSU). He began working with SURTC in February, 2003. He has conducted research pertaining to senior transportation, the transit vehicle industry, alternative fuels, the built environment, and passenger mobility enhancements utilizing geographic information systems (GIS) and similar technologies. He holds a B.A. in business management and economics and an M.S. in agribusiness and applied economics with an emphasis in transportation economics.

Crystal Lyons

Crystal Lyons is president of Crystal Fortune Lyons, LLC, and a professional consulting company specializing in disability policy development and DOJ and DOT ADA Title II compliance. Dedicated to disability integration, she develops and provides accessibility training and coaching for a variety of entities including transit agencies, MPOs, centers for independent living, emergency management operations, and aging programs.

Crystal is a National Steering Committee Member of Easter Seals Project ACTION, a member of the US. Access Board Rail Accessibility Advisory Committee and a Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) project panel member. Ms. Lyons also serves on the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Executive Committee.

Jed Johnson

MSW, MBA, Director – National Veteran Caregiver Training Program, Easter Seals headquarters For 8 years, Mr. Johnson provided strategic leadership for Easter Seals' services for adults and seniors. Highlights included supporting the growth of Easter Seals Adult Day Center network to over 85 programs in 25 states and oversight of a number of federal and foundation grants including the Administration on Aging's Transportation Solutions for Caregivers. From 2008 – 2011 he served as Director of the National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST), a partnership with the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and funded through the Federal Transit Administration, whose mission is to enhance transportation options for older adults through technical assistance, outreach, education, and research. In April of 2011, Mr. Johnson assumed responsibility for the National Veteran Caregiver Training Program, a project funded through the Department of Veterans Affairs. This project provides multi-modal training opportunities for Family Caregivers of post-9/11 Veterans with significant disabilities. He also is working with both the USO and the University of Maryland's Legacy Corps initiative to provide educational materials in support of military and Veteran families and is a CARF surveyor for the accreditation process within their Aging Services division. Mr. Johnson holds a joint-Master's degree in business administration from the Wharton School of Business and in social work from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice.