



Improving Transportation for Cancer Patients

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Iowa Cancer Consortium
Iowa Transportation Coordination Council
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**You can offer the best cancer
treatment options in the world,
but what does it matter if
someone can't get there?**





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- 4,780 free rides provided in 2017, so far 2,337 rides provided in 2018 across Iowa
- 141 volunteer drivers across Iowa
- Users must be ambulatory, for cancer-treatment related appointments only,
- Curb to curb
- 3 business days advanced notice
- Free, volunteer drivers donate their services
- 48 drivers serving greater Des Moines area, 885 rides provided so far in 2018
- Road To Recovery provides Lyft ride when volunteer not available (residents of Polk/Dallas counties)



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Goal 1: Increase collaboration among organizations, coalitions, businesses and individuals to maximize cancer control resources and efforts.

Goal 10: Increase access to quality cancer care and services.

Goal 13: Increase access to and awareness of quality-of-life services available to cancer patients during and after cancer treatment.

Goal 14: Improve the health equity of cancer control interventions and services.

Goal 15: Increase access to cancer related data, and educate lowans on ways to apply data to cancer control activities.

Project Objectives



#1

Increase the number of cancer patients served with transportation through increased transportation options and volunteers.

- Improve resource knowledge
- Find regional vendors who can meet patient needs at low cost

#2

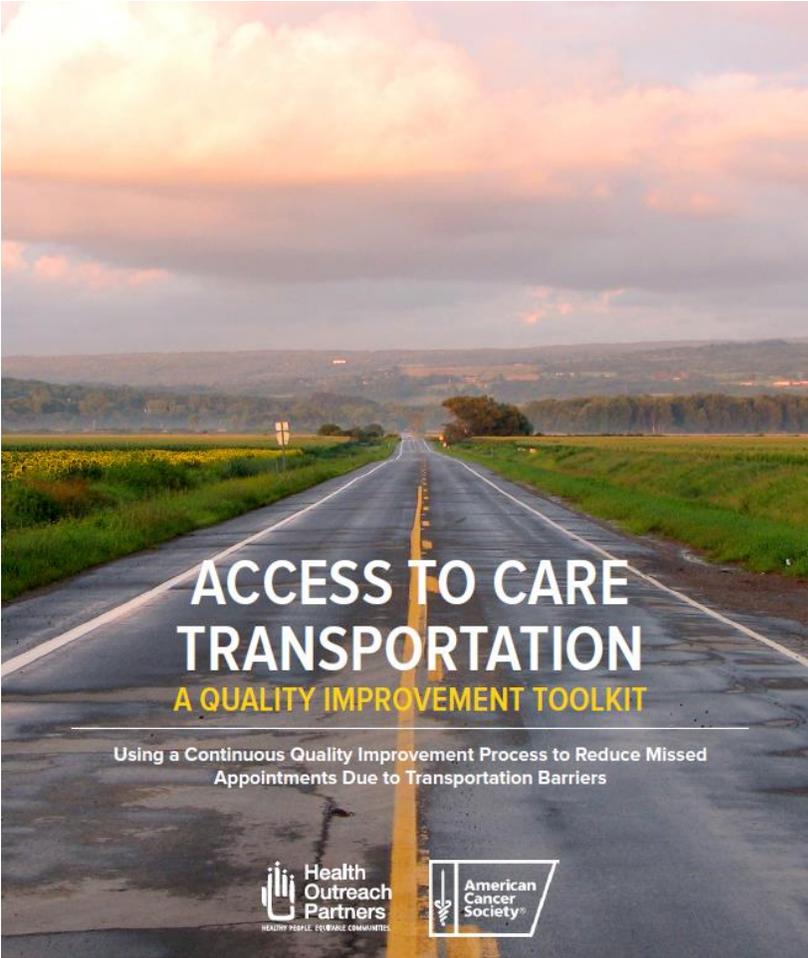
Engage stakeholders in the design of solutions for sustainable transportation resources, through meetings, education, training, and data collection.

- Work with cancer centers to understand transportation issues
- Build relationships and understanding and education
- HOP Quality Improvement Toolkit

Transportation Quality Improvement Toolkit



UnityPoint Health
John Stoddard Cancer Center



The challenges of transporting people undergoing cancer treatment....



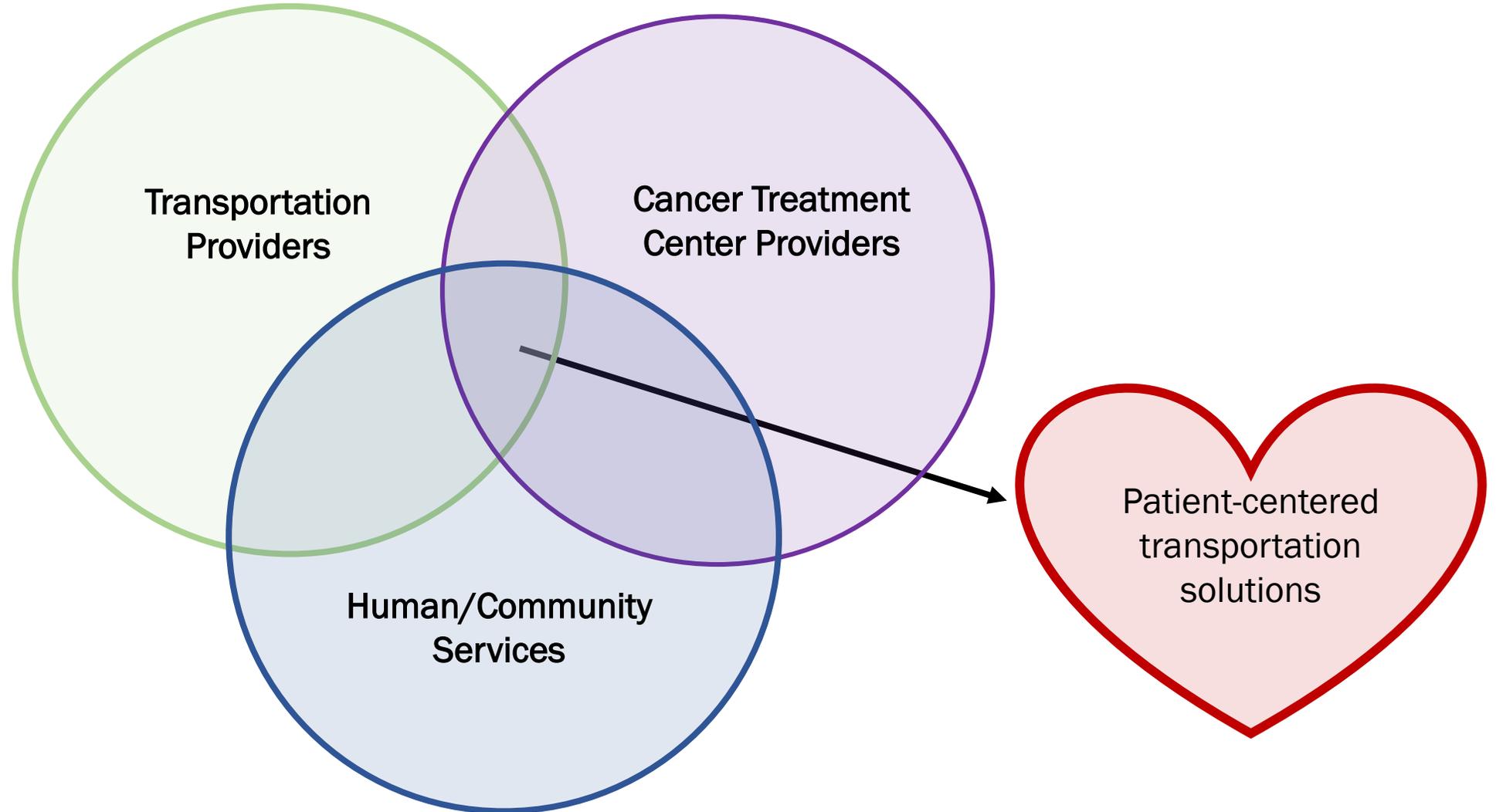
- Advanced notice
- Changing mobility status
- Compromised immune system
- Daily trips for radiation
- Long appointments for chemo
- Distance
- Cost
- Wellness
- Ability to drive
- Nature support system burden
- Communication
- Eligibility

Transportation to serve patients needs

- Iowa City, IA
 - 160 rides unmet via Road To Recovery in 2017
 - Long distances and rural populations
- Des Moines, IA
 - 210 rides unmet via Road To Recovery in 2017
 - High volume, short notice
 - Rural populations



Bringing together experts...



What does success look like?

Increase of:

- Patients successfully served with transportation
- Resource sharing
- Introductions between providers
- Knowledge and confidence in available resources
- Investments in patient transportation

Decrease of:

- Patients missing appts or delaying treatment
- Unmet ride requests
- Time spent on transportation arrangement

Ultimately –
Improving health outcomes





Join the discussion...

**Transportation Improvement
for Cancer Patients Workgroup**

at the Iowa Cancer Summit

September 24, 2018

3:30-5PM

FFA Enrichment Center

1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway, Ankeny, Iowa



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