RURAL HEALTH TRANSPORTATION

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Agency Background

❖ SHORE UP! is dedicated to revitalizing communities and empowering individuals and families to maintain long-term independence and achieve economic security.

❖ Service area includes: Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester, Kent, Talbot & Queen Anne’s counties.

❖ SHORE UP! was established in 1965 and serves approximately 15,000 annually.
Through participation in the USDA sponsored CACFP Program, SHORE UP! provides meals to students in Early Head Start & Head Start programs.

Clients in Adult Day & Residential Services, Foster Grandparents and classroom staff also receive nutritious meals.

Two meal trucks-One truck covers the Lower Shore (Worcester, Wicomico & Somerset Counties). A second truck delivers to the Upper Shore (Dorchester, Talbot and Queen Anne’s counties).
Meal trucks operate Mon.-Fri. starting at 7 a.m., delivering meals to 15 sites.

Trucks are needed year-round in Early Head Start, Adult Day Services & Residential Services.

A new meal truck has been purchased.
During the 2020 school year, bagged lunches were transported to students in the agency’s seven-county service area.
Who we serve:

- Low-income families who meet federally established income guidelines
- Ethnically diverse families including: 70% African-American, 9% Caucasian, 14% Hispanic, 7% Asian, Haitian, Sudanese, Ethiopian
- SHORE UP! serves 572 in Head Start & Early Head Start, 60 in Adult Day & Residential Services, and 50 Foster Grandparents.
- Through 9/27/2021-7,998 total meals served
Transportation Goals

- Ensure all students in Head Start & Early Head Start, all Foster Grandparents, and all individuals in Adult Day & Residential Services receive nutritious meals.
- Improve learning skills
- Create a full-time job opportunity
Partners
Other transportation provided

- Adult Day Services-buses transport clients to and from the Shady Pines Center; also on field trips, grocery shopping, etc.
- Head Start/Early Head Start-buses transport students 2 years of age and older to and from centers.