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TOPIC: DDD's Campaign For Responsible Driving

This notification is a follow-up to the Campaign for Responsible Driving Blast sent June 30, 2015.

https://www.azdes.gov/uploadedFiles/Developmental_Disabilities/campaign_for_responsible_driving_june2015.pdf

Please distribute this information to all staff with responsibility to transport members.

In an effort to increase awareness about responsible driving and member safety, the Division launched a new campaign called: **Responsible Driving...it's more than what's outside the vehicle** in June 2015. The campaign's focus is on understanding heat-related effects, ensuring safe seating in vans and other vehicles, knowing your passenger's needs, and the importance of completing regular safety checks both inside and outside the vehicle.

Did you know...?

- A vehicle's windows act like a greenhouse, trapping sunlight and heat.
- Temperatures as low as 60° F can cause the heat in a vehicle to rise well above 110° F.
- High body temperatures damage the brain and other vital organs.
- In warm weather, a vehicle can heat up to dangerous, life-threatening temperatures in only 10 minutes.
- Leaving the windows slightly open in a vehicle does not significantly decrease the heating rate inside the vehicle.

What can you do with this information?

- Do not leave people or pets in vehicles. Talk with planning teams about strategies to ensure members are never left in vehicles.
- Put a procedure in place to ensure the safety of all passengers in each vehicle.
- Remind members to drink plenty of water especially during the hotter months.

As part of this endeavor, the Division's Contract Monitoring Unit will be evaluating vendors' policy and procedures around responsible driving/transporting members. Attached is the monitoring tool that will be used. Please use this tool to self-assess your policy/procedures to ensure all components are covered. At your next monitoring review, you will be requested to submit your policy and procedures around responsible driving/transporting members to the

Division's Contract Monitoring Unit. Feedback will be provided and any missing components will be requested to be added to your policy and procedures.

Also attached is a Responsible Driving Fact Sheet that can be shared with your staff.

For questions related to this communication, please call the Contract Monitoring Unit at 602-542-2550 or email DDDMonitoring@azdes.gov