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Adaptive Driver Training
The Road to Independence

Educational Services That Transform Lives
The road to independence is often filled with detours for many disabled individuals. Eastern Suffolk BOCES Adaptive Driver Training Program is designed to help disabled individuals overcome the detours and obstacles associated with private transportation. Public transportation is limited and not always accessible for persons with physical and/or psychological limitations. Dependency on others for daily transportation needs is often the only option for disabled individuals.

Many disabled persons have not received any formal training because it was not available. In the past, the lack of driver training for the disabled was the greatest obstacle to mobility and independence. With Eastern Suffolk BOCES Adaptive Driver Training Program, those obstacles can be overcome.

**Who Is Eligible For The Program?**
Eastern Suffolk BOCES Adaptive Driver Training Program is designed to service those with physical and non-physical disabilities throughout Suffolk County. Individuals must have a learner’s permit or driver’s license before they enroll in the program.

**What Does The Program Offer?**
A comprehensive driving evaluation is performed to determine whether the applicant is physically, intellectually and emotionally capable of being trained to pass a New York State road test or to be retrained to be a safe driver. If lessons are recommended, a special individualized driver training program is developed. This may include the use of adapted devices for physically challenged individuals who have lost the use of any of their extremities or have other physical limitations.

**Types of Vehicles Used**
- All automatic transmissions
- Adapted autos
- Non-adapted autos

**How Long Is The Course?**
The driving evaluation is done in a single session (approximately 1-3 hours long). Individualized training or retraining hours vary according to need.

All students must possess a learner’s permit or valid driver’s license prior to scheduling a driving evaluation. If warranted, current medical or psychological records may be required, as well as any reports that may be pertinent.

The driving test is scheduled by the instructor when they feel the student is ready. Arrangements can be made to have the school vehicle and an instructor available to take the student to the road test site the day the test is scheduled.

**How Do You Apply For This Service?**
- Ongoing registration at Eastern Suffolk BOCES, Edward J. Milliken Technical Center, 375 Locust Avenue, Oakdale, NY 11769
- Phone (631) 244-5897
- Adult Career and Continuing Education Services (ACCES-VR) in Hauppauge or Riverhead
- Physician or hospital referral
- Veterans Administration
- Insurance companies handling compensation claims
- Participating insurance companies

**What Does The Service Cost?**
- Cost varies depending on the amount of training an individual requires
- Call our office for more information: (631) 244-5897

You can be on the road to independence.