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The Arc Benton received grant funding from Samaritan Health's IHN-CCO Delivery Systems Transformation fund to provide training for CommCard holders and health care providers in Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties. The goal is to increase awareness of developmental disabilities and to share techniques and tools to work through communication barriers.

### Testimonials

*"The Transportation Security personnel handled me much more gently when I showed them my CommCard."*

- Erika, cardholder with autism

*"Our children need tools to navigate the community, and the CommCard is one of those tools."*

- Julie Livingston, parent

*"The CommCard is a tool to help us learn how a person can communicate effectively. It can calm a person down."*

- Officer Trevor Anderson, Corvallis  
Police Department

*"Some people have hidden disabilities. The CommCard can help us identify a need for accommodations."*

- Elma Santillan, parent and public  
transportation driver

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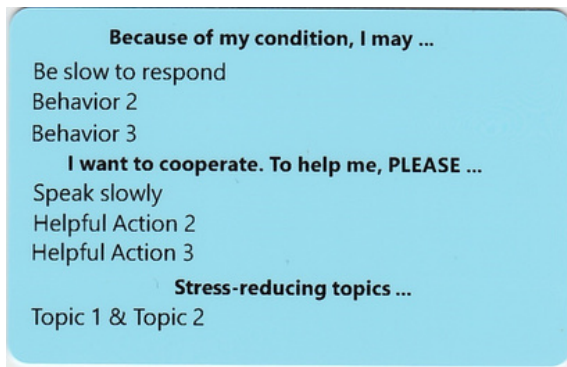
A developmental disabilities  
accommodations toolkit and  
training program



Sample front of the CommCard



Sample back of the CommCard



Patricia practices using her CommCard with Corvallis Police at a training session

## Who

The CommCard Program is designed to facilitate calm and effective communication between people with developmental disabilities and the professionals who serve them (i.e. police, healthcare providers, transportation security, etc.)

## What

The CommCard Program includes training and practice time with helping professionals. Each participant receives a wallet-sized card that is customized to include their advocates' phone numbers, behaviors that may be misunderstood and reasonable communication accommodations.

## Why

Without accommodations, interactions between helping professionals and people with developmental disabilities can have negative outcomes. They need tools to ensure appropriate accommodations are requested and made.



## Fast Facts

- It is estimated that 1 in 6 people experience some type of developmental disability
- Accommodations under the ADA can lessen the need for more expensive services
- The CommCard program can be part of any helping professional's training plan
- The CommCard has been shown to improve communication between helping professionals and people with developmental disabilities.

