

A New Beginning

There is a place for you. A place where you can enjoy a new lifestyle.

Start Here!



Circles of Bay County
Graduating Class April 26, 2012

“Nothing can stop a man or woman with the right attitude from achieving their goal; nothing on Earth can help a man or woman with the wrong mental attitude.”

–Thomas Jefferson

Transportation Routes

Panama City

Glenwood

Callaway

Parker

Millville

Cedar Grove

Springfield

Lynn Haven

St. Andrews

**Getting Ahead
Transport, Inc.**



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Free Transportation

*To Work, School,
and
Workforce Center*

**A nonprofit 501(c)3
initiative**

How We Got Started

A Critical Look

One city, two worlds. That is the difference between having a car and riding the bus. We know transportation is at the heart of people getting out of poverty; transportation to school or jobs or appointments that will create the critical, if often shaky, pieces that build financial stability.

As services get cut, people seek alternatives: unreliable ride sharing or purchasing a used car, often at exorbitant interest rates, then ridership drops again and people remain stuck and isolated. Few people who drive cars really understand the difference that one reality—car or bus—can make: where you work, where you go to school, and how often you can make appointments.

Consider the difference between a 15-minute drive to work that begins in a driveway and a 90-minute ride that begins with several blocks to walk, often in the dark, and often in the road, because sidewalks don't exist or have not been shoveled. Unseen by those of us who can drive in comfort and ease, people are walking and standing in rain often with strollers or canes, often with bags and burdens.

Often they just give up on school and jobs. We know firsthand that people often have to refuse jobs because they just can't get to the 7 a.m. shift at the hotel on the beach from the suburbs or to Trane AC in Lynn Haven.

GAT in Panama City's plan is to provide reliable transportation for Panama City residents who otherwise would remain unemployed and in isolation.

GAT's approach is threefold:

Services Offered

- * Free, 24-hour transportation for 120 days
- * Transportation to and from employment sites and workforce centers
- * Transportation to and from educational facilities including Gulf Coast State College, Florida State University (Panama City Campus), and Haney Technical School
- * Resource referrals upon request

Eligibility Requirements

Current enrollment in one of the following government-funded programs:

1. Medicaid (CHIP)
2. Food Stamps Program
3. Temporary Cash Assistance
4. Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
5. Falling Below HHS Poverty Guidelines

Alleviating Poverty

Alleviating poverty requires participation from leaders in the private, corporate, education, government, law enforcement and religious sectors **WORKING TOGETHER** with local communities to achieve success!

2014 Poverty Numbers

In the counties we serve:

Bay	11,604
Calhoun	962
Gulf	863
Holmes	1,919
Jackson	3,450
Washington	1,824

GAT services will be offered in Bay County. Our future goal is to offer these services in the adjacent counties. GAT is designed to provide no-cost or low-cost transportation for Bay County residents to and from employment and educational destinations.

**Long-Term Goal:
Reduce Poverty 50% by 2020**

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