



**Friday, August 8**  
**Marriott Columbus Northwest, Dublin, Ohio**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)**

**Registration: 8:30 am**

**Training Session: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm (lunch provided)**

*This training is geared toward Head Start Transportation Managers, Drivers, and Monitors and will address issues of best practices with an emphasis on safety.*

**Registration Fee:**

**\$125 for members   \$165 for non-members**

***The event is designed to meet the four-hour ODE Annual Inservice Training requirement for bus drivers and bus aides as described in Ohio's Pupil Transportation Operation and Safety Rules (3301-83-10(B)).***

**IACET CEUs will also be available.**

*For more information about OHSAI CEU Policies and Procedures visit [https://ohsai.org/professional\\_development\\_infor.php](https://ohsai.org/professional_development_infor.php)*

*OHSAI will make On-Demand Modules Available to programs through the fall of 2025.*

*Registration fee: \$50 per participant, discounted to \$25 per participant for agencies subscribing to the OHSAI virtual subscription package.*

***Programs will be notified when On-Demand modules are available for viewing.***

**Session Objectives:**

Participants will identify skills and practices that ensure safety in transportation services.

Participants will identify skills to create and maintain positive relationships and communication transportation services.

Participants will apply trauma-informed practice to create safe environments for families and young children.

**9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

***0.3 CEUs***

**Self-Care and Mindfulness for Transportation Staff**

*Helena Michaels, Ohio School Boards Association*

Participants will discuss challenges specific to working in transportation positions and the impact of chronic stress. You will learn how mindfulness can improve customer service and communication, and support conflict resolution. Mindfulness practices for adults transporting children will be demonstrated that you can take back and use in daily routines.

**(Public and Staff Relations, Pupil Management)**

**School Bus Safety**

*Doug Palmer, Ohio School Boards Association*

Participants will review and discuss components of various types of bus inspections and explore how to define and practice defensive driving in order to provide the safest experience possible for the staff and children in your care as Transportation Managers, Drivers and Bus Monitors. Participants will review important safety procedures, managing children, communicating with parents and building better staff relationships by using self-care practices to survive the nervous tension and anxiety we experience.

**(Safety Procedures, Pupil Management, Public and Staff Relations)**

## Communicating with Parents and Special Needs Evacuations

*Brent Speas*

Effective communication between school bus drivers and caregivers is a cornerstone of successful student transportation programs. Participants will discuss and practice active listening and strategies to manage difficult or volatile situations. This session will also cover special needs transportation requirements, highlighting different types of restraint systems and methods for rapidly and safely removing children from these systems, as well as evacuation procedures.  
(Public and Staff Relations, Transporting Preschool and Special Needs Children)

**12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch Break**

**1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

*0.2 CEUs/submitted for 1.5 OA hours*

### Intro to Trauma in a Variety of Early Childhood Settings

*Colleen Wallace, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist*

This session will provide an understanding of trauma and its effects on young children and adults in a variety of environments. It will include a review of evidence-based approaches and practical strategies for creating a variety trauma-informed early childhood settings and interactions. It will actively engage participants and include discussion and activities.  
(Transporting Preschool Children, Public and Staff Relations, Pupil Management)



**IACET CEUs may count as Ohio Approved professional development.**

*Participants will receive a CEU post-test for sessions attended via email.*

*CEU certificates will come with instructions for uploading the certificate to the Ohio Professional Registry.*

*Registry staff will determine if the session counts for Ohio Approved.*



**For Ohio Approved (OA) sessions**, if you provide your OPIN number on the sign-in sheet, your participation will be recorded in the Ohio Professional Registry following the session, awarding you Ohio Approved credit.