

Benzie Bus highlights transportation services for Benzie County residents

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BENZIE COUNTY — Benzie Bus is highlighting the various transportation services it provides to Benzie County residents, including transit for medical appointments, school and work. The organization works to ensure community members can reach essential destinations throughout the region.

These services include “health rides” that currently operate Monday through Friday. The transit agency also partners with neighboring counties to help residents reach their places of employment, a service that agency officials said has seen increased demand as gas prices have risen.

Student transportation is a major component of the agency’s daily operations. Benzie Bus provides busing for the local school district and supports the Career-Technical Center (CTC) program.

Benzie Bus mobility manager Rob Scott oversees these efforts, which include transit for students who attend schools outside of their primary district. Scott noted that many families rely on the bus to exercise their “school of choice” options when they live beyond the reach of standard school bus routes.

The agency is also preparing to expand its medical transportation reach beyond the county. Scott said there are plans to offer health rides to downstate locations, providing a more accessible alternative for residents. Currently, an ambulance is often the only available option for many people needing transport to those areas.

Benzie Bus has set a goal to expand its health ride service to operate seven days a week.