



## Mayor Mark Mallory

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### **Mayor Mallory Announces Free Bus Rides for Youth Working at Kings Island**

**Partnership brings together Mayor's Office, Everybody Rides Metro foundation, and Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services "On the Move" program**

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory today announced a new program to provide free bus rides to low income youth employed at Kings Island in the summer. The Mayor developed the program with the Everybody Rides Metro foundation and the Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services "On the Move" program. The Mayor made the announcement at a press conference at St. Vincent de Paul. At the press conference, the group also announced that Everybody Rides Metro had secured \$1 million in funding to connect low-income workers to jobs.

"Young people in Cincinnati have a long history of working at King Island in the summer. The partnership will make sure that they will continue to have access to those jobs," Mayor Mallory said.

The program will provide free bus tickets to Hamilton County youth through Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services as part of its existing "On the Move" services. To qualify for the free bus tickets, youth must meet the established eligibility requirements for the "On the Move" program: high school students between 14 and 18 and from families up to 200% of poverty.

Youth can apply for the tickets at the SuperJobs Center at 1916 Central Parkway. The Everybody Rides Metro foundation will provide "On the Move" with the tickets, which will be valid during the Kings Island employment season. Funding will be provided from existing TANF funds and new funding from the Everybody Rides Metro foundation.

Last year, youth working at Kings Island received discounted bus service through a one-time partnership between the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, and Kings Island, which each providing \$30,000. From 2000 to 2006, Kings Island funded 8 express trips that provided about 22,000 rides for youth employed at Kings Island.

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