

# EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The ROC has three training areas utilizing our partner resources:

- A seated classroom for eight people with video training capabilities
- An area devoted to wheelchair securement.
- A training area with display capabilities and visitor participation.

An onboard resource library can adapt the training resources based on the event and audience needs. Thirty-five transit agencies across Oklahoma have pledged to provide various training opportunities and Oklahoma Tribal Transportation Council donated the wheelchair to be used for wheelchair securement training.

In November 2022, the ROC was launched in Oklahoma City and is now available for community use at all public events and transit training events, free of charge. Request it at your county fairs, school events, local library, and more. Contact OTA to schedule the ROC in your area by emailing [oktransit@oktransit.org](mailto:oktransit@oktransit.org).



*“ While not a stated project goal, a serendipitous benefit of the ROC is that it educates the public on the benefits and availability of public transportation. 99% of Oklahomans live within one mile of transit service and it is available for travel to work, appointments, errands, and entertainment. The ROC bus also highlights opportunities in transit careers that are available in rural, tribal, and urban areas including drivers, dispatchers, and support staff.*

*Ryan Landers, OTA President ”*

## MEET THE ROC BUS

The Rolling Oklahoma Classroom (ROC) is an FTA funded grant initiative that provides hands-on mobile training to transit agencies and transit awareness for the public. Training opportunities include human trafficking awareness, understanding mobility issues, wheelchair securement training, transit availability options and career opportunities.

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## DETAILED DESIGN



The art on the ROC creates understanding of many social issues that moves people to action. The exterior bus wrap features people of different races, nationalities, and genders and has several important interpretations.

- **EVERYONE** has a responsibility for safety.
- **ANYONE** can be trafficked for sex, forced labor, or domestic servitude.
- **EVERYONE** has the ability and responsibility to report suspected human trafficking.

Inside the ROC is an art display created by teen girls, ages 12-18, who were trafficked for sex within Oklahoma and now are becoming survivors through the RISE program. Each artwork bears witness to the wounds inflicted by human traffickers and demonstrates the power of the human spirit to overcome. One piece displays a poignant title that is reflective of their future because someone cared enough to help them. It's called, "the rainbow after the storm".



## ABOUT THE ROC BUS

The ROC is on the move, providing safety, crime prevention and security training for the public and transit workers.

The ROC will visit transit agencies, schools, and events around the state for transit training, public safety education, crime prevention, and certification on wheelchair securement in transit vehicles.

The ROC will be used to educate and raise awareness on human trafficking at fairs, festivals, school events, casinos, and more. The bus is equipped with educational videos and materials to train in identifying someone at risk and also in what to do if you encounter someone being trafficked.

This type of education is especially important in Oklahoma given our interstate system is a crossroads of America. Human trafficking is a problem that impacts all people. It is not limited by gender, race, or socioeconomic status.

We believe the ROC will play a role in supporting a well-trained, safety aware and professional workforce in Oklahoma and a well-informed public.

The mobile teaching space is funded by a FTA grant, in corroboration with the ODOT and the urban, rural, and tribal transit agencies of Oklahoma. The grant is administered by the Grand Gateway Economic Development Association/Pelivan Transit, managed by the Oklahoma Transit Association, and supported by several private companies and non-profits that combined strengths and formed an extraordinary public/private partnership. We also must recognize the talented team at Embark, who generously donated a 2009 Gillig Phantom bus and modified to start a second journey as the ROC.