**Traffic Jam**

**Space requirement:** Classroom/activity room with free floor space

**Equipment:** Tape or paper

**Group size:** No more than 20 participants

**Alternative:** You can use this to talk about advocacy and how you have to jump through lines of people at times to really affect change with the right person. But, the impact along the path is huge. Goal setting process, and how it is not usually one step or one person involved.

**Accessibility:** You can put something down with texture that people can still roll across, but those that cannot see it will be able to feel it. Ensure the space for each person takes into account any mobility devices that someone may be using.

**Program goal(s):**

1. Participants will learn to work as a team.
2. Participants will become aware of the steps it takes to solve a problem.

**Program description:**

**Preparation:** Place tape or paper on the floor in a row of squares. Be sure to have one more square than you have people.

**Instructions:**

Divide the group evenly as possible depending on how many people are there.  To set up the game, place marked squares (one more than the number of people in the group) on the floor.  The boxes need to be placed in a straight line. Be sure to take into account all of the people in the group. There may be participants who have mobility devices. You can make the boxes bigger to accommodate them.  Have each person stand on a marked box, leaving the center open.  The challenge is for the groups on either side of the center unmarked box to completely change to the other side, by moving one at a time, like in a game of Checkers.  Players may move into the vacant spot next to them, or they may jump another player on the opposite side, but they can NOT jump a player from their own side.  Players may not move backwards, and two people cannot move at once.  At the end they should all have switched sides. Once the participants have finished talk about what the problem was and how they solved it. Be sure to emphasize that they worked together and not just one person did it all.