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**Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) Earns
Worksite Health Award from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island and
the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce**

Cranston, RI (June 21, 2017) - RIPIN was recognized with an Exemplary Worksite Health Award from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) for effective programs encouraging employee health and well-being in a meaningful way.

"The Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) is proud to receive the Exemplary Worksite Health Award," said Stephen Brunero, Executive Director of RIPIN. "RIPIN would like to thank Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island and the Providence Chamber of Commerce for their commitment and leadership in establishing standards in work environments that encourage and support the health and wellness goals of our employees."

RIPIN was one of more than 75 Rhode Island businesses honored by BCBSRI and the Chamber with a Worksite Health Award at a breakfast attended by hundreds of state business leaders. The event celebrated local businesses who have demonstrated a commitment to improving Rhode Islanders' overall health through innovative wellness programs, as companies and individuals.

RIPIN provides employees with opportunities to participate in wellness activities throughout the year. By leveraging resources provided by our health plan and our partners in our community, RIPIN creates a calendar of events such as yoga, walking groups, educational events and trainings to support the health initiatives of our employees and the communities we serve.

"We commend RIPIN for investing in wellness programming and creating a stronger workforce," said Kim Keck, president and CEO of BCBSRI. "Employees who are encouraged to take charge of their own health and wellness feel empowered and valued. Working as a team to help employees get healthy and stay healthy translates to a more committed, more engaged workforce - and that is a true sign of success."

"By increasing morale and production, and decreasing healthcare costs and sick leave, worksite health programs are a win for all involved. We applaud RIPIN for making the commitment to invest in the wellness of their team and for inspiring more Rhode Island businesses to find creative ways to help their employees live better, healthier and happier lives. We encourage other companies to follow their lead," said Laurie White, president of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce.

About Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (bcbsri.com) is a non-profit, community-focused health plan founded in 1939 to help Rhode Islanders finance their healthcare needs. Today, that's still a big part of what we're all about. We are committed to improving the health and peace of mind of our more than 400,000 members by facilitating their access to affordable, high-quality healthcare. Our goal is to improve the quality of life of our customers and of the people of Rhode Island by improving their health for generations to come. We are an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Connect with us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

About the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce is Rhode Island's only statewide chamber. The Chamber is the hub of connections for Rhode Island businesses of all sizes, in all industries and in all sectors. For more information, visit www.provchamber.com, follow us on Twitter @Provchamber, and like us on [Facebook](#).

About Rhode Island Parent Information Network

Established over 25 years ago, RIPIN helps thousands of Rhode Islanders every year turn challenging situations into opportunities to advocate for themselves and their loved ones. Through health care coordination, health and education programs, and community outreach services, RIPIN peers work side by side with individuals and families to help them navigate complex systems of care. More information, visit www.ripin.org. Connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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