



**RIPIN** offers a wide variety of interactive workshops and training opportunities. Our experienced presenters offer information and support to all Rhode Island families and the professionals who work with them each day.

# WORKSHOP AND TRAINING SERIES

RI Parent Information Network 1210 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920 [www.ripin.org](http://www.ripin.org)  
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**Family Voices**® seeks to assist families and professionals supporting children and young adults with special health care needs. The systems of care are very complex when you have special needs. Our simple tools and information from these workshops can help you!

## FREE Workshops



| DATE                           | All Workshops take place from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  |
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| 1/17/17<br>5/16/17<br>9/28/17  | <b><i>Public Policy 101</i></b><br>Learn how your experiences with special needs can assist in changing or improving laws that protect these vulnerable populations.   |
| 2/16/17<br>6/15/17<br>10/19/17 | <b><i>Support Group Facilitator Training</i></b><br>Learn some valuable tools for starting a peer support group.   |
| 3/14/17<br>7/18/17<br>11/21/17 | <b><i>RI Medicaid Options for Families of Children with Special Healthcare Needs</i></b><br>If you have or care for a child with special needs, they may be eligible for assistance through RI Medicaid. Explore these options and services! |

**Register online at:**  
[http://ripin.org/workshop\\_schedule.html](http://ripin.org/workshop_schedule.html)

Register or find more info about RIPIN Workshops at [www.ripin.org](http://www.ripin.org) or contact **Lori Barden** at **401-270-0101 x154** and [barden@ripin.org](mailto:barden@ripin.org).

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# SUPPORT GROUPS

*for families of children with different abilities*

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## Making Connections

For families with children who are **deaf or have hearing loss**.  
2nd Saturday of each month **10:00 am – 11:30 am**.  
For more information, contact Elsbeth Brown (401) 430-3915.

ASL Interpreter Provided  
**RSVP Required**



## Parents of Miracles

For all families **to attend on the first Thursday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30 PM**.  
For more information, please contact:  
Tara Townsend (401) 270-0101, ext. 139  
or [townsend@ripin.org](mailto:townsend@ripin.org)

This group is facilitated by RIPIN employees who are parents of children with varying degrees of disabilities. **Refreshments will be served.**

## Padres De Milagros

El tercer sábado de cada mes de **12:00 pm a 1:30 pm**.  
El grupo de apoyo de habla Hispana, es para padres y cuidadores que apoyan a niños con cuidados especiales de salud. Se provee cuidado de niños.  
Para más información, por favor contacte a:  
Norma Herrera (401) 270-0101, ext.145 [herrera@ripin.org](mailto:herrera@ripin.org)



**Habrà refrescos y cuidado de niños. Venga y participe con nosotros!**  
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