RIPIN can assist active duty, retired military, veterans, National Guard, and Reserve personnel, who have a family member with a disability or special needs.

RIPIN offers the assistance of Peer Support Coordinators - Special Education who are trained to support families of children with disabilities. Many RIPIN Peer Support Coordinators are parents or family members of children with special needs. They have experience and knowledge about education, health and community resources, and supports and services in Rhode Island.

RIPIN is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing information and support to all Rhode Islanders.

RIPIN’s mission is to inform, educate, support, and empower families to be equal partners in advocacy for education, health, and socioeconomic well being of their children and families.

Each year RIPIN serves more than 65,000 Rhode Islanders.
We can assist you with:

- **A Family Plan**
  By creating a plan with you, we can help address your family’s concerns and come up with solutions.

- **Workshops and Trainings**
  We provide information, trainings and workshops to help you become the best advocate for yourself and your family. These workshops will provide you with the skills necessary to navigate multiple federal, state and local systems.

- **Accessing Family Resources**
  We can help you connect with many statewide supports, including childcare, social services, nutritional programs, Medicaid, housing, medical equipment, and recreational activities.

- **Mentoring & Support**
  We provide information and support for transitions in your child’s life such as hospital to home, Early Intervention to pre-school, educational transitions, and transition to adulthood.

Do you need help...

- **Understanding** your child’s individualized education program (IEP) and 504 plan?

- **Accessing** resources for families and individuals with disabilities?

- **Learning your parental rights** in the school system and in special education?

- **Becoming an effective advocate** for yourself or your child?

- **Navigating healthcare** for your child with disabilities?

If yes! to any of these questions contact RIPIN at 401.270.0101 info@ripin.org

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