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CONNECTING the DOTS...

A guide to finding services
for **people with disabilities**
in Rhode Island



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Welcome!

The Connecting the Dots Resource Guide is a tool for families and professionals to use when looking to access resources and supports for children and youth with special health care needs and their families.

This guide is intended to help parents and professionals navigate the complex needs of Rhode Island children and families. In the following pages you will find brief descriptions of the resources, programs, and systems of support that families most commonly need to access. Contact information and live links to websites are included to help you get started in connecting to the many agencies and organizations in Rhode Island that stand prepared to offer support to families with children with special health care needs from early childhood through young adulthood.

Please remember, each child and family's journey is unique and finding the health care, educational, and community services needed to assist children and families takes time.

Please Note: Family Voices updates the guide yearly, but relies on the partnership of families and professionals to ensure that this information meets our children's needs. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please contact us.

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RI's online resource for parents, medical practitioners, state agencies, and care coordinators!

Looking for:

More information about a chronic condition or diagnoses?

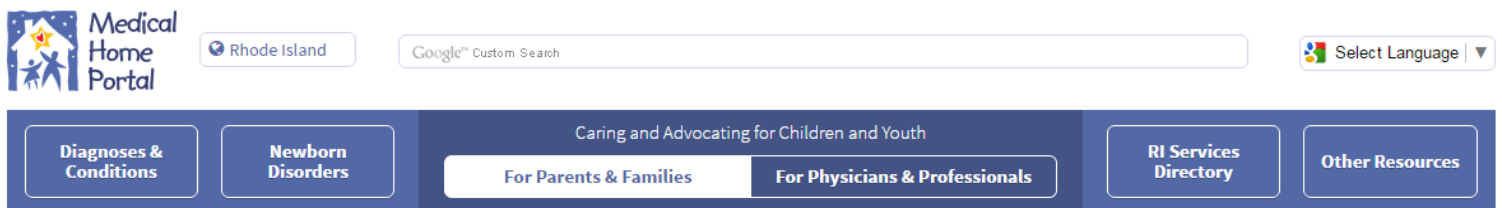
A tool to help families track their medical history?

A local resource to assist families?

A provider's phone number?

It's all here on the ***RI Medical Home Portal!***

Please visit ri.medicalhomeportal.org and create your profile today!



The Medical Home Portal's

- **Vision:** All children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and their families achieve optimal outcomes through improved availability and quality of information, healthcare, related services, and coordination of care.
- **Mission:** To help professionals and families work together to care and advocate for CYSHCN.
- **Long-Range Goal:** To improve outcomes for CYSHCN and their families by enhancing the availability and quality of healthcare, related services, and coordination of care.

What You'll Find in the Portal

For Parents & Families
For Physicians & Professionals
Diagnoses & Conditions
Newborn Disorders
Services Directory
Other Resources

Written by parents of CYSHCN, this section aims to help families

- Navigate the journey from diagnosis to adulthood
- Care for their child or adolescent with a chronic condition(s)
- Find valuable information, resources, and support
- And more...

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Early Childhood Supports

Birth to age 5

Prenatal and Early Childhood Health

The Rhode Island Department of Health supports healthy birth outcomes, positive early childhood development, school readiness, and preparation for healthy productive adulthood by providing and assuring access to quality maternal and child health services. Some of the best things you can do are to:

- Talk with a healthcare provider as early as possible.
- Get regular prenatal care.
- Sign up for family visiting and get free support and services

Find out more at: www.health.ri.gov

Health and Nutrition

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program promotes health and development through good nutrition. The program is for pregnant and breastfeeding women and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk. Families may apply to the program if their income is at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level. Additionally, families who currently receive state benefits may also apply for WIC. Immigrant women and children may also be eligible. (Individuals with or without documented status are included.) Contact your local WIC Office directly to make an appointment.

WIC Program

RI Department of Health
3 Capitol Hill, Room 302
Providence, RI 02908-5097
(401) 222-5960
TTY: 711
www.health.ri.gov/wic



Newborn Screening

Newborn screening is the practice of testing newborn babies for certain harmful or potentially fatal disorders. Rhode Island law requires that all birthing hospitals in Rhode screen every baby for 31 conditions, including hearing loss and critical congenital heart disease. All babies are tested because babies with these disorders often appear healthy at birth. Serious problems can be prevented if the disorders are discovered early.

www.health.ri.gov/newbornscreening

Home Visiting Programs

Love That Baby

Family Visiting is provided to pregnant women and families with children up to age four. Resources include: prenatal support and services for infants and toddlers, visits with you and your baby, and tips to support baby development and growth. Programs include:

- First Connections
- Healthy Families America
- Nurse-Family Partnership
- Parents as Teachers

To get started, text **baby** to 444999, or call (401) 222-5960.

www.health.ri.gov
3 Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908



RI Early Intervention

Rhode Island's Early Intervention Program (EI)

Early Intervention promotes the growth and development of infants and toddlers who have a developmental disability or delay in one or more areas. Early Intervention supports families so their children can develop to their fullest potential. Children referred to the Early Intervention Program receive a comprehensive developmental evaluation to determine if they are eligible.

Eligibility: Children must be under age 3 and have a developmental disability or delay in one or more areas. Children do not have to be eligible for RI Medicaid to receive services.

Cost: There is no cost to families to receive Early Intervention services.

How to Apply: Find a directory of EI providers at: www.eohhs.ri.gov

When contacting any site, please ask for the Intake Coordinator of Early Intervention.

Early Head Start

Early Head Start is a national program that provides comprehensive child development services to families with children under age 3 and to pregnant women. The purpose of Early Head Start is to enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development; enable parents to be better caregivers and teachers to their children; and to help parents meet their own goals, including that of economic independence. Please note that Early Head Start is only available in selected sites. Please contact your local Head Start to see what services are available in your area.

Head Start

Head Start is a national program that provides comprehensive child developmental services to preschool children ages 3-5 and social services for their families. Specific services for children in Head Start focus on education, social and emotional development, physical and mental health, and nutrition.

For more information and eligibility guidelines, contact your local Head Start & Early Head Start Programs at:

www.earlylearningri.org
<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/>



Additional Supports for Parents and Professionals

[Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children \(RI AEYC\)](#)

The Rhode Island AEYC is the managing agency for BrightStars. Rhode Island AEYC is the state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Rhode Island AEYC and NAEYC are dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for young children.

535 Centerville Road, Suite 301
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 739-6100

[Bright Stars](#)

BrightStars helps families in Rhode Island access QUALITY child care, early learning, and school-age programs.

535 Centerville Road
Warwick, RI 02881
(401) 739-6100

RI Early Learning and Development Standards (RIELDS)

The RIELDS support early childhood teachers' and caregivers' understanding of how all children grow and learn. The RIELDS tell us what we should expect young children to know and be able to do physically, emotionally, and academically from birth to 60 months of age.

Fun Family Activities Cards (FFA Cards)

Fun Family Activities cards give parents information and enjoyable ways to support the development and learning of young children. The activities are based on Rhode Island's Early Learning and Development Standards.

They are meant to help your child develop skills that are important for future learning.

Download this free resource at: <http://rields.com/>

Or Scan This



on your mobile device

Financial Support

[Child Care Assistance Program](#)

Child Care Assistance is available to families who meet income guidelines and are working a minimum of 20 hours per week.

For eligibility information or an application for assistance, please contact:

DHS Info Line at (855) MYRIDHS or 1-855-697-4347

TTY/Hearing Impaired (401) 462-3363

<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/Programs/CCAPProgramInfo.php>

Child Dependent Care Tax Credit

If you paid for early care and education for children under 13 while you may be eligible to claim the child and dependent care credit and receive a percentage of the expenses paid to a child care provider.

Find out more at: www.irs.gov

Military Families Fee Assistance Program

Military families may be eligible to receive a monthly subsidy to help offset the cost of early care and education. Find out more at:

www.childcareaware.org
(800) 424-2246

Opportunities for Family Leadership and Advocacy

Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)

The ICC provides a forum of public input from families, service providers and other stakeholders regarding federal and state policies on the Early Intervention program as well as all Early Childhood programs.

For more information on the ICC, please contact:

RI Parent Information Network
(401) 270-0101

<https://ripin.org/services/icc/>

Rhode Island Early Learning Council

As an advisory body to the Governor and Children's Cabinet, the Council reviews data and research, develops policy recommendations, and advises the state on funding opportunities that improve early learning and development outcomes for children from birth through age 8.

Learn more at: www.earlylearningri.org



Financing Care in RI

The following is a listing of systems that encompass health related services and issues. Please remember that this is a guide, and that all services may not be available to all families. Call the specific agency or group for detailed information.

HealthSource RI

HealthSource RI is a unique resource that connects Rhode Islanders to a range of health insurance options. It provides the tools, resources, and information you need to stay informed and healthy.

401 Wampanoag Trail
East Providence, RI 02915
Monday — Friday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
(855) 840-4774
www.healthsourceri.com

Rhode Island Medicaid

The Rhode Island Medicaid Program is a state and federally-funded program that pays for medical and health related services for eligible Rhode Islanders.

The RI Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) operates the publicly-funded Medicaid program. Medicaid is an important source of coverage for low-income individuals and families, families with children, pregnant women, elders and persons with disabilities and special needs who otherwise might not be able to pay for or get access to affordable health care.

You must be a resident of Rhode Island to apply and be able to prove that you are a citizen or a legally present non-citizen who is in a status that qualifies you for publicly funded health coverage. Whether you are eligible for one of the programs depends on a variety of factors including:

income, age, type of health care needs and, for certain programs, the amount of your resources or assets.

Members enroll in a participating Health plan:

- **Neighborhood Health Plan of RI**
- **Tufts Health Plan RITogether**
- **United Healthcare of New England**

All plans are Managed Care Organizations who's goals are to improve access to health care, assure quality care and improve health outcomes of the population in the long run.

RIte Care Program

RIte Care is Rhode Island's Medicaid managed care program for families with children, pregnant women, and children under age 19. Families have a choice between the two participating health plans previously mentioned.

RIte Share Program

RIte Share is Rhode Island's Premium Assistance Program that provides health coverage through a person's employer health insurance. The State will pay all or part of the employee's cost for employer health insurance coverage.

Eligibility

Eligibility is based on tax-base income and family size according to the [Federal Poverty Level Guidelines](#) as shown below:

- Pregnant women with income up to 253% of the FPL
- Children up to age 19 with income up to 261% of the FPL
- Parents with children under age 18 with income up to 133% of the FPL

Under Health Care Reform, eligibility is determined in a new way that lets people with income up to 5% higher qualify for Medicaid.

Cost

Members whose family's income is less than 138 percent of the FPL do not pay a monthly premium.

How to Apply

HealthSource RI

Apply online or connect with a Navigator who can help you with your application.

www.healthsourceri.com
(855) 840-4774

-OR-

Dept. of Human Service Office

Call, visit, or mail a paper application to your local DHS Office. Be sure to include all required documents.

Find out more at:
www.dhs.ri.gov/DHSOffices/
(855) MYRIDHS
(855) 697-4347



RI Medicaid Program for Children with Special Health Care Needs

The RI Medicaid Program pays for medical and health related services for Children with Special Health Care Needs who qualify.

Eligibility

Children with a disability or chronic condition are automatically eligible for the Medicaid if they are determined eligible for: Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Katie Beckett or Adoption Subsidy through the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF).

Enrollment

When eligible for Medicaid, parents or guardians are then given a choice of enrollment in a participating health plan. Children who live in an institutional facility are excluded from health plan enrollment. In those situations, children will be enrolled in traditional Medicaid Fee-For-Service.

Enrollment in a Health Plan

Children who are eligible for Medicaid enroll in a participating health plan. Participating health plans include: Neighborhood Health Plan of RI Tufts Health Plan RITogether, and United Healthcare of New England.

All health plans offer large networks of providers and covered benefits and services. They also offer a special Care Management Program to assist with care coordination or for help arranging transportation or other services.

Enrollment in Medicaid Fee-for-Service

Children who do not qualify for enrollment in a health plan will receive traditional Medicaid Fee-for-Service.

More Information

Rhode Island took the option under the federal Affordable Care Act of 2010 to expand Medicaid to adults between the ages of 19 and 64. The State also chose to establish its own health insurance exchange to make sure other forms of affordable coverage are readily available to Rhode Islanders who need it.

Out-of-Plan Benefits may be available for children in a health plan or in Medicaid Fee-For-Service:

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island
(800) 459-6019 www.nhpri.org
United Healthcare of New England
(800) 587-5187 uhccommunityplan.com.ri
Tufts Health Plan RITogether
(866) 738-4116 www.tuftshealthplan.com

Katie Beckett

Katie Beckett is an eligibility category that allows certain children under age 19 who have long term disabilities or complex medical needs to become eligible for Medicaid coverage. Katie Beckett eligibility enables children to be cared for at home instead of in an institution.

With Katie Beckett, only the child's income and resources, not the parents', are used to determine eligibility.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for Medicaid coverage through Katie Beckett, a child must:

- Be under age 19
- Be a Rhode Island resident and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Meet the income and resource requirements
- Meet the Social Security Administration's definition of disability
- Live at home
- Require a level of care at home that is typically provided in a hospital, nursing facility or an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation (ICF-MR)

How much does it cost?

There is no cost to families.

How to Apply

A Katie Beckett social caseworker usually talks to families prior to submitting the application, so that families understand the eligibility criteria and application process. You can call or [download an application](#) from the EOHHS website.

For help with the application process, contact a **Social Caseworker at EOHHS**:

If your last name begins with A-K call (401) 462-0760

If your last name begins with L-Z call (401) 462-0754

For clinical questions (Public Health Nurse) (401) 462-0070

-OR Call:

RIPIN Family Resource Specialist

Katie Beckett Unit

(401) 462-0633

[Executive Office of Health and Human Services](#)

Center for Child and Family Health
Hazard Building #74

74 West Road

Cranston, Rhode Island 02920



Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

In addition to Rite Care, the Medicaid Program also covers children with special needs. If a child is found eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) due to a disability, then they are also eligible for Medicaid. SSI is a Federal program which provides monthly cash payments to families who have children with physical, developmental, and/or mental impairments. This is a federal program that provides monthly cash benefits to individuals, including children with a physical, developmental and/or mental impairment that results in marked and severe functional limitations.

How to Apply for Services

Call or visit the local Social Security Office. Information is available by phone in both English and Spanish.

Social Security Offices:

800-772-1213

www.ssa.gov

Rhode Island Medicaid Covered Benefits

Rhode Island Medicaid offers comprehensive health coverage through three participating Medicaid health plans:

NHPRI ACCESS PLAN

<https://www.nhpri.org/CurrentMembers/ChooseYourPlan/Access.aspx>

UHC COMMUNITY PLAN

<http://www.uhccommunityplan.com/ri/chip/rite-care.html>

TUFTS RITOGETHER PLAN

<https://tuftshealthplan.com/ritogether>

For the most comprehensive and current information, visit the links above or contact your health plan directly.

Covered Services Include:

- Adult Day Services
- Asthma Care
- Behavioral Health (includes Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Inpatient & Outpatient)

- Diabetes Care
- Diagnostic Services
- Prescriptions (includes over-the-counter drugs when prescribed by a physician)
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services
- Emergency Room Services
- Family Planning Services
- Home Health Care
- Hospice Care (inpatient & outpatient)
- Immunizations and Vaccines
- Interpreters
- Lab Tests
- Maternity/Pregnant Care
- Nursing Facility / Skilled Nursing Services
- Office Visits
- Patient Education
- Podiatry
- Radiology
- Rehabilitation Services

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Benefits

[The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment \(EPSDT\)](#) benefit provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children under age 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid. EPSDT is key to ensuring that children and adolescents receive appropriate preventive, dental, mental health, and developmental, and specialty services.

Early: Assessing and identifying problems early

Periodic: Checking children's health at periodic, age-appropriate intervals

Screening: Providing physical, mental, developmental, dental, hearing, vision, and other screening tests to detect potential problems

Diagnostic: Performing diagnostic tests to follow up when a risk is identified, and

Treatment: Control, correct or reduce health problems found

Under the EPSDT Medicaid benefit, children with Medicaid coverage are eligible for preventive and routine health care as well as medically necessary specialized care or services. The goal of EPSDT is to identify and treat health conditions early to promote normal growth and development. EPSDT services, since they include preventive services, are available at a child's regular visit with his or her doctor. In some cases, where special health care needs are identified, additional services may be available.



Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

DME is a benefit available for children if medically necessary. DME is equipment or devices used for medical/rehabilitative purposes in the home or community. Prior authorization is required.

How to Apply for DME Services

Families can call a durable medical equipment vendor who participates in their health plan. The vendor will evaluate the child's need and coordinate getting the necessary documentation to the health insurance provider for review and approval. Children with special health care needs may qualify for Medicaid due to their disability or condition.

Dental Care

Children who are eligible for Medicaid receive dental care through either RIte Smiles or Medicaid. Which program they are eligible for depends on the age of the child.

RIte Smiles

RIte Smiles is a dental plan for children who are eligible for RI Medicaid (including RIte Care, RIte Share and Medicaid fee-for-service). Children are eligible if they are born after May 1, 2000. Call 1-866-375-3257 (TTY 711).

Medicaid Dental Services

For children who are eligible for RI Medicaid (including RIte Care, RIte Share and Medicaid Fee-For-Service).

Private Dental Services

Dental Plans can be purchased through HealthSource RI. If you have dental coverage other than Medicaid, contact your provider to find out about services and covered benefits.

TeethFirst!

TeethFirst! is a collaborative group that promotes early dental visits for very young children in Rhode Island. They can help you find a dentist for your children, explain dental coverage, and encourage early dental visits that put our children on a path to healthy smiles for a lifetime.

Prescription Drugs

Medicare Part D

For information on Medicare Part D, selecting a Prescription Drug Plan that meets your needs, please visit:

[Department of Elderly Affairs](#)

(401) 462-3000

The Point

(401) 462-4444

For More Information

[DHS Info Line](#)

(855) MY-RIDHS

(855) 697-4347

[Neighborhood Health Plan of RI](#)

(800) 459-6019

[United Healthcare Community Plan](#)

(800) 587-5187

[Tufts Health Plan RITogether](#)

(866) 738-4116

[RI Insurance Resource, Education and Assistance Consumer Helpline](#) (855)

RIREACH

(855) 747-3224

[Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner](#)

RI Department of Business Regulation

1511 Pontiac Avenue

Cranston, RI 02920

(401) 462-9517



Opportunities for Family Leadership and Advocacy

Consumer Advisory Committees

Neighborhood Health Plan of RI

NHPRI conducts focus groups and has member committees that talk about how they can improve. If you have ideas or suggestions on how they can improve our services, policies or the care you receive, join the team! Transportation is provided. Call Neighborhood's Member Advocate at (401) 459-6172 to learn more.

United Health Care

Member Advisory Committee UHC
Join the Member Advisory Committee to share your feedback and concerns. Members are invited to learn about their health plan and share feedback and concerns. Transportation is provided. Call Member Services at (800) 587-5187 (TTY: 711) if you are interested in joining.

EOHHS Medicaid Consumer Advisory Committee

The Executive Office of Health & Human Services holds Consumer Advisory Committee meetings every other month to gather feedback and information from consumers and advocates. To find out more contact a Medicaid Managed Care Organization.

Web Resources

CenterWatch

Leading source of clinical trial information for both clinical research professionals and patients.

www.CenterWatch.com

The Body - HIV/AIDS Resource

www.thebody.com/content/art40487.html

Rxlist

www.rxlist.com

Needy Meds

www.needymeds.com

Medicine Assistance Tool

<https://medicineassistancetool.org/>

RxAssist

www.rxassist.org

Health Care Resources



Finding a Primary Care Provider (PCP)

If you are covered by insurance your first step is to choose a PCP within your provider network. Look at the back of your insurance card for directions.

A listing of RI licensed physicians & physician assistant's practitioners can be found at:

<http://www.health.ri.gov/find/providers/>

RI Hospitals

The following list of hospitals are linked to their websites by clicking on their name. More information can be found online.

[Rhode Island Hospital](#)

593 Eddy St
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 444-4000

[Roger Williams Medical Center](#)

825 Chalkstone Ave
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 456-2000

[Miriam Hospital](#)

164 Summit Ave
Providence, RI 02906
(401) 793-2500

[Kent Hospital](#)

455 Toll Gate Rd
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 737-7000

[Landmark Medical Center](#)

115 Cass Avenue
Woonsocket, RI 02895
(401) 769-4100

[Newport Hospital](#)

20 Powel Avenue
Newport, RI 02840
(401) 846-6400

[Our Lady of Fatima Hospital](#)

200 High Service Ave
North Providence, RI 02904
(401) 456-3000

[South County Hospital](#)

100 Kenyon Ave
Wakefield, RI 02879
(401) 782-8000

[Westerly Hospital](#)

25 Wells St
Westerly, RI 02891
(401) 596-6000

[Women and Infants Hospital](#)

101 Dudley Street
Providence, RI 02905
(401) 274-1100

Children's Hospitals

[Hasbro Children's Hospital](#)

593 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 444-4000

[Boston Children's Hospital](#)

300 Longwood Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 355-6000
TTY: (800) 439-2370
(800) 355-7944

[Shriners Hospital for Children](#)

516 Carew Street
Springfield, MA 01104
(413) 787-2000

[Shriners Hospital for Children Pediatric Burn Care](#)

51 Blossom Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 722-3000
Emergency Referral:
(800) 255-1916
www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

Psychiatric Hospitals

[Fuller Hospital](#)

200 May Street
South Attleboro, MA 02703
(508) 761-8500

[Bradley Hospital](#)

A psychiatric center that provides family-focused care to children and adolescents with psychological, developmental, and behavioral problems, through a wide range of inpatient, outpatient, residential, and partial hospital programs.

1011 Veterans Memorial Parkway
East Providence, RI 02915
(401) 432-1000

[Butler Hospital](#)

The Adolescent Treatment Unit provides psychiatric treatment and support for teenagers, ages 13 to 17 in a safe and caring environment. Treatment programs are offered for depression, anxiety, addictions, and other mental illnesses. Support is also provided for teens who have thoughts of suicide or self-harming behaviors. The Young Adult Partial Hospital Program is designed to meet the specific needs of 18-to-26-years-olds. The supportive environment empowers young adults to learn how to gain control of their illness and strive to achieve their personal goals.

345 Blackstone Boulevard
Providence, RI 02906
(401) 455-6200

Long Term Care Hospitals

[Eleanor Slater Hospital \(ESH\)](#)

111 Howard Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
(401) 462-3085

Health Centers & Clinics

Rhode Island Health Center Association

The Rhode Island Health Center Association coordinates the state's Community Health Centers which provide comprehensive primary care for all patients regardless of age, income, or insurance status on a sliding-fee schedule based on the patient's ability to pay. Located at 30 sites throughout the state.

235 Promenade Street, Suite 455
Providence, Rhode Island 02908
(401) 274-1771.

Community Health Centers

Community Health Centers provide services including language interpretation and translation, transportation, and case management. Due to capacity limitations, not all Centers may be accepting new patients. Call the site in your area to find out if they have openings and to schedule an initial visit. Note that proof of income may be required for discounted or free care. Services available may include:

- Primary Medical Care
- Mental health and wellness
- Dental Services
- Health Insurance Application
- Public Assistance
- Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children

Find a location near you at:

www.rihca.org

Rhode Island Free Clinic

The Rhode Island Free Clinic provides comprehensive free medical care to uninsured Rhode Island adults from 19 through the age of 64 who are below 200% of the poverty level. Types of services provided include: primary care, specialty care, labs and diagnostics, and medications. Spanish interpreters are available.

655 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02907
(401) 274-6347 x314

Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic

Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic is a free clinic that provides preventive health screenings and medical exams to uninsured adults and preventive health screenings. Patients can receive continuing care at the Olneyville clinic Monday through Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Appointments are not available by phone.

60 Valley St.
Suite 104
Providence, RI 02909
(401) 347-9093

Mental Health Care

KIDS' Link RI

Kids' Link RI™ is a hotline for children in emotional crisis. The free 24 hour hotline, **1-855-543-5465**, connects parents and caregivers to children's services in Rhode Island, and helps parents determine the best place to go for treatment and counseling.

Community Mental Health Centers

These Centers provide comprehensive community-based mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment

services to individuals, families including:

- Emergency service
- Inpatient services
- Psychiatric services
- Medication maintenance
- Community residences
- Psychiatric rehabilitation including employment

Contact your local center directly to schedule an appointment or for emergency services.

Find a Community Health Center in your area at: <https://www.sumhlc.org/>

Gateway Healthcare

Managed through Lifespan, Gateway Healthcare provides treatment, intervention and prevention services to adults and children of all cultural and economic backgrounds with behavioral and substance abuse issues, through its residential, outpatient and community-based programs and offer:

- Mental Health First Aid Training
- In-Home Behavioral Health Services

Programs are located throughout the state. To schedule services or emergency intake Call: (401) 729-8701

Tides Family Services

215 Washington Street
West Warwick, RI 02893
(401) 822-1360

The Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council of RI (SUMHLC)

The mission of the Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council of RI is to promote a collaborative, coordinated system of high quality, comprehensive community-based mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services delivered at Community Mental Health Centers.

The Providence Center

The Providence Center is a community resource, providing people from all walks of life with mental health and substance use services in their homes, schools and neighborhoods. Through over 60 programs and wraparound services, including food and housing, job training, legal services, primary health care and wellness activities, The Providence Center is committed to meeting the community's needs.

530 North Main Street
Providence, RI 02904
(401) 274-7111

North American Family Institute (NAFI)

NAFI is an organization whose goal is to empower clients to maximize their independence and harness past experiences as strengths and wisdom to help them succeed in the future. Services provided by NAFI include:

- [Behavioral Health Services](#)
- [Community-Based Services](#)
- [Foster Care](#)
- [Juvenile Justice Services](#)
- [Training Services](#)

501 Centerville Road, Suite 201
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886
(401) 921-8700

Community Action Programs (CAPs)

Rhode Island Community Action Association is a network of community action programs (CAPs) serving all 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island. Program have various missions and goals to end poverty, by continuously aiming to provide resources, support, services and programs to Rhode Island residents in need.

Locate your local CAP Agency at:
www.ricommunityaction.org

Therapy Services

This includes resources for Occupational, Physical, Speech, Social Skills.

Children's Rehabilitation Center

The Children's Rehabilitation Center at Hasbro Children's Hospital offers occupational and physical therapy services and neurological consultation to children and adolescents who have physical, developmental, behavioral, and sensory disabilities; have experienced injuries; or have other medical needs.

765 Allens Avenue, Suite 200
Providence, RI 02905
(401) 432-6800

1454 South County Trail
East Greenwich, RI 02818
(401) 444-2050



[CBS Therapies](#)

CBS Therapy provides speech-language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and ABA therapy in our outpatient clinic.

626 Park Avenue
Cranston, RI 02910
(401) 270-9991

[Grodan Center](#)

The Grodan Center aims to enhance the lives of children and youth with autism, behavioral disorders, and developmental disabilities and their families to lead productive, dignified and satisfying lives by:

- Providing the most effective educational, therapeutic, and other habilitative services;
- Advancing knowledge and best practices through research, education and training;
- Involving, educating, and supporting families in caring and advocating for their children.

86 Mount Hope Avenue
Providence, RI 02906
(401) 274-6310

[Sargent Rehabilitation Center](#)

Sargent Rehabilitation Center serves children and adults with disabilities and their families. Sargent offers services to children and adults through its [Pediatric Program](#), [Neuro Rehabilitation \(Brain Injury\) Program](#), and [Hearing Center \(Audiology\)](#).

800 Quaker Lane
Warwick, RI 02818
(401) 886-6600

[Sensible Development](#)

Sensible Development is a pediatric outpatient therapy clinic that provides individualized treatment for children with a wide variety of developmental and learning challenges. Our services are guided by principles in neurodevelopment, sensory integration, and learning theory. Sensible Development has a large therapy gym with specialized equipment and smaller treatment spaces that are used to create the optimal therapeutic environment for children.

110 Airport Road, Suite 102
Westerly, RI 02891
(401) 348-9400



Diagnostic Services

[The Brown Center for the Study of Children at Risk](#)

The Brown Center stimulates interdisciplinary research, education, and clinical services on the biological and social factors that determine the developmental outcome of at-risk children.

The [Center for Children and Families](#) provides inpatient and outpatient clinical care at Women & Infants. Inpatient services include:

- [Neonatal Intensive Care Unit \(NICU\)](#)
- [Family Psychosocial Health Service](#)
- [Infant & Early Childhood Development](#)
- [Perinatal & Postpartum Services](#)

Outpatient services encompass the areas of infancy/early childhood assessment and treatment as well as child and family therapy.

50 Holden Street, 1st Floor

Providence, RI 02908

Research: (401) 453-7640

Clinical Services: (401) 274-1122 x48936

[The Children's Neurodevelopment Center \(CNDC\)](#)

The CNDC at Hasbro Children's Hospital provides evaluation and treatment of children with neurological, genetic, developmental, metabolic and behavioral disorders. The center incorporates multidisciplinary care with pediatric urology, orthopedics, neurosurgery and craniofacial programs. The center is located on Prairie Avenue, in an area designed to be particularly spacious, comfortable and welcoming to children and their parents, who are essential partners in their children's care.

Other services provided by the CNDC are:

- [Child and Family Assessment](#)
- [Genetics and Dysmorphology](#)
- [Transition Consultation Clinic](#)
- [Special Programs](#)

**335R Prairie Avenue
Suite 1A
Providence, RI 02905
(401) 444-5685**

[New England Pediatric Institute of Neurodevelopment \(NEPIN\)](#)

At NEPIN, we partner with you, your child and your pediatrician to provide whatever services are needed to prevent that from happening and to help your child become an effective learner.

NEPIN uses neuropsychological testing to evaluate the whole child to understand how he or she fits into the family, community and school, including the areas where he or she is having trouble. We interview the child, and find it helpful to have input from teachers, therapists, and other health care professionals involved with the child.

In addition, we offer:

- Counseling, through our affiliation with [The Providence Center](#).
- Medication consultations.

**555 Prospect Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 729-6200**

Web Resources

[American Academy of Pediatrics RI Chapter](#)

Committed to Optimal Physical, Mental and Social Health and Well-Being for All Infants, Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults of Rhode Island.

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

CDC works 24/7 to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S.

Supports for Families

Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN)

300 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 300
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 270-0101
www.ripin.org

Call Center

The Call Center provide resources and varying degrees of support that match the individual and family's needs.

Resource specialists:

- Provide resources to individuals and families of children who are struggling in school
- Inform families of their special education rights
- Teach parents how to advocate on their child's behalf
- Support individuals and families in obtaining health benefits
- Navigate health insurance issues
- Assist with health insurance denials and appeals
- Provide specialized support to individuals with both Medicare and Medicaid coverage ("duals")
- Act as intermediary between caller and their insurer, HSRI, or state agency

Early Intervention Parent Consultants

RIPIN supports RI's Early Intervention program through the placement of one or more Parent Consultants in each of the state's nine EI programs. A Parent Consultant is someone who has had a child that participated in an Early Intervention Program. Their role is to support, educate and help parents and other caregivers to better navigate the early childhood systems of care throughout RI.

Family Voices of RI

Family Voices at the RI Parent Information Network provides health care information, family to family support and leadership development for families of children with special health care needs. Family Voices aims to achieve family-centered care for all children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities. Through this national network, Family Voices provides families tools to make informed decisions, advocates for improved public and private policies, builds partnerships among professionals and families serves as a trusted resource on health care.

Services include:

- Monthly Support Group
- Workshops around Family Engagement & Health Care
- Resources for Navigating Systems
- Technical Assistance

Parent Training and Information Center (PTIC)

The Rhode Island Parent Information Network's Parent Training and Information Center (PTIC) is part of a national network of Parent Centers. RIPIN has been the federally designated PTIC in Rhode Island since 1991. The PTIC provides training, information and technical assistance to families of children and youth with disabilities and to professionals who serve them.



RI Center for Health Care Rights

The Center advances the rights of healthcare consumers through education and training, policy initiatives, and direct legal representation.

<http://healthcarerightsri.org/>

Rhode Island's Insurance Resource, Education, and Assistance Consumer Helpline (RIREACH)

RIREACH is a resource that provides direct assistance to consumers who need help understanding and accessing health coverage or benefits. The world of health insurance, both commercial and public, can be difficult to navigate alone when trying to find out about coverage, premiums, deductibles, and/or denials. RIREACH empowers consumers to get what they need from their coverage by helping them navigate the process. RIREACH draws upon the same peer-to-peer support model that RIPIN has successfully used for over 21 years. We are all consumers too.

RIREACH supports consumers through the changes and phases of the Affordable Care Act and will answer questions consumers have about coverage. We also assist consumers with finding other community and health related resources they might need.

(855) RIREACH

(855) 747-3224

www.rireach.org

Cedar Family Center and Comprehensive Support Team

These programs support families to gain access to services for healthy family functioning. They serve as a source of information, clinical expertise, and a connection to community supports and other systems of care for families with Children with Special Health Care Needs.

To learn more about any of RIPIN's programs and services, contact:

info@ripin.org

Or visit our website at:

www.ripin.org

Cedar Family Centers

A Cedar Family Center is a place where families receive intensive care coordination and support for children with special health care needs. With Cedar Family Centers, a family can:

- Learn more about their child's disability or condition.
- Learn how to address their child's needs now and in the future.
- Find resources in the community.
- Get information on a range of services and treatment options.
- Connect with other families who have had similar experiences.

Eligibility

To be eligible for Cedar Family Center services, a child must be eligible for Medicaid, under age 21, a Rhode Island resident, live at home and have a disabling or chronic condition that is cognitive, physical, developmental, and/or psychiatric.

Cedar Services

In addition to the services listed above, the following may be available for children.

- Obtaining clinical services
- Referrals to community and social supports
- Health Promotion (i.e. education and prevention)
- Screenings for physical and mental health
- Transitional Care (between levels of service)
- Family advocacy

Eligibility

A child must meet the following requirements to be eligible for Home Based Therapeutic Services:

- be eligible for Medicaid
- under age 21
- a Rhode Island resident living at home
- have a disabling or chronic condition (cognitive, physical, developmental, and/or psychiatric) that is moderate to severe.

What is the cost of Cedar services?

There is no cost to families.

How To Apply

Please contact a Cedar Family Center.

Cedar Family Center Locations

Please contact a Cedar Family Center near you. Cedar Family Center services are available statewide:

RIPIN Cedar Family Center

300 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 300
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 270-0101 x365

Three Cedar

335 R Prairie Avenue, Suite 1A
Providence, RI 02905
(401) 444-7703

Home-Based Therapeutic Services Program (HBTS)

Home Based Therapeutic Services (HBTS) are specialized, intensive services and treatment that are provided according to an approved individualized treatment plan. Services are provided in the child's home or other age-appropriate community setting. Ongoing parent participation is required to maximize what is learned during treatment. HBTS services are offered to enable a child to participate in his or her family and community more by helping to improve communication, behavioral, psychosocial, and developmental skills.

Personal Assistance Services and Supports (PASS)

Personal Assistance Services and Supports (PASS) can help families of children with special health care needs with daily life skills. To be eligible for PASS, a child must have a disabling or chronic condition (cognitive, physical, developmental, and/or psychiatric) that is moderate to severe.

Respite Program for Children

The Respite Program for Children allows parents or guardians caring for a child with disabilities to have time off for themselves. To be eligible for Respite, a child must need an institutional level of care. This is the type of care typically provided in a hospital, nursing home or Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR).

Both **PASS & Respite** services can help improve a child's ability to accomplish activities of daily life, improve safety skills and participate in social situations. Services are provided in the home or community setting by a direct support worker. Families have a choice in who is hired to work with their child and how services are delivered. Parents/guardians can find their own direct support worker with assistance from a certified PASS or Respite agency, or they can access a free online resource at www.rewardingwork.org. Families are expected to assist in the training and supervision of their direct support worker.

A comprehensive list of Medicaid services and providers for can be found at [Rhode Island Medicaid Programs for Children with Special Healthcare Needs](#).

For More Information

Contact a Cedar Family Center, your managed care plan, or a DHS Medical Care Specialist.

DHS Medical Care Specialist:
Child medical Equipment: 401-462-1796
Respite Program: 401-462-2090
Certified Nursing Assistant: 401-462-0070



Family Care Community Partnerships (FCCP)

[Family Care Community Partnerships](#) are community based service networks in Rhode Island established by the Department of Children, Youth and Families to provide coordination and direct services for vulnerable families. The FCCP collaborates with children, youth, and families to address complex family concerns such as: risk for child abuse and neglect, youth with moderate to severe emotional disturbance, children with developmental delays or disabilities, and adolescents involved with the juvenile justice system. FCCP agencies bring community-based services to children and families to build a stronger, brighter future.

Local Providers

West Urban Core FCCP

[Family Service of RI](#)

55 Hope Street
Providence, RI 02906
(401) 331-1350

East Urban Core FCCP

[Communities for People](#)

32 West Avenue
Providence, RI 02906
(401) 331-1350

East Bay FCCP

[Child and Family](#)

31 John Clarke Road
Middletown, RI 02842
(401) 849-2300

Washington/Kent FCCP

[Tri-County](#)

415 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, RI 02852
(401) 789-3016

Northern RI FCCP

[Community Care Alliance](#)

PO Box 1700
Woonsocket, RI 02895
401-235-7000

Mental & Behavioral Health

[Parent Support Network of RI \(PSN\)](#)

PSN is an organization of families supporting families with children, youth and young adults who experience or are at risk for serious behavioral, emotional and/or mental health challenges. PSN seeks to strengthen and preserve families and reduce family isolation by promoting positive mental health and well-being, and building a culturally and linguistically competent system of care, through advocacy, education, training, and increased public awareness.

535 Centerville Road, Suite 202
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886
(401) 467-6855
(800) 483-8844



[National Alliance on Mental Health \(NAMI RI\)](#)

154 Waterman Street, Unit 5B
Providence, RI 02906
(401) 331-3060
(800) 273-8255

[Mental Health Association of RI](#)

346 Blackstone Blvd.
Pawtucket, RI 02906
(401) 726-2285

Assistive Technology

[TechACCESS of Rhode Island](#)

TechACCESS of Rhode Island is the central resource for assistive technology (AT). Assistive Technology is any device that helps a person with a disability function better at home, work, school, or in the community. services to people with disabilities. TechACCESS offers information and referral services regarding assistive technology products, funding, and services are provided at no charge. Tech ACCESS also provides referrals to service providers and vendors, protection, and advocacy services.

161 Comstock Parkway
Cranston, RI 02921
(401) 463-0202 (V/TDD)

[The Rhode Island Assistive Technology Access Partnership \(ATAP\)](#)

Assistive technology device is any item, piece of equipment that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities. The Rhode Island Assistive Technology Access Partnership (ATAP) is designed as a statewide partnership of organizations that provide device demonstration, device loan, device re-use, training, public awareness, collaboration, information, and referral.

[The Rhode Island Council on Assistive Technology \(RICAT\)](#)

This group of citizens that give advice to the Rhode Island Assistive Technology Access Partnership (ATAP).

Office of Rehabilitation Services
40 Fountain Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 462-7917 (V)
(401) 421-7016(TDD)
Spanish: (401) 272-8090
Information & Referral (800) 916-8324

[Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan Program](#)

The Rhode Island Telephone Equipment Loan Program (ATEL) provides demonstrations, training and long term loan and device reutilization services of specialized telephone equipment to qualified individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, have a speech impairment, or who suffer from neuromuscular damage or disease, that hinders them from using a standard telephone. Program provides both landline/home telephones and wireless devices.

[Eligibility Guidelines](#)

To receive equipment, the person must:

- Be a resident of Rhode Island
- Have a speech, hearing or neuromuscular disability
- Meet income criteria
- Provide Certificate of Disability
- Use the contact information below to learn about the phones available and application process.

[Department of Human Services Office of Rehabilitation Services ATEL Program](#)

40 Fountain Street, 5th Floor
Providence, RI 02904
Email: denise.corson@ors.ri.gov
(401) 421-7005
TTY (401) 222-1679

[Sign Language \(ASL\)/Communication Access Realtime Translation \(CART\)](#)

The RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (RI CDHH) provides sign language interpreter referral services throughout the State of Rhode Island. Specialized interpreters are also available (CDI, Oral, Deafblind, Cued Speech, etc). Requests for an interpreter or CART should be made at least two weeks in advance.

One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 256-5511

Interpreter / CART referral service

Voice: 401-222-5300

Videophone: 401-354-7630

TTY: 401-222-5301

CDHH.Interpreter@cdhh.ri.gov

[INSIGHT Radio](#)

INSIGHT Radio is a unique radio reading service that provides the daily reading of local and national newspapers, magazines, books, and other printed materials of interest to our listeners. We currently broadcast twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

We broadcast the reading of the Providence Journal, a dozen other local newspapers, magazines, and books.

INSIGHT Radio broadcasts on a closed signal. In order to access the service you must have a free receiver from INSIGHT.

43 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

(401) 941-3322

Transportation Resources

[MTM](#)

MTM coordinates Non-Emergency Medical Transportation services for RI Medicaid beneficiaries and individuals over the age of 60 who do not have access to transportation for medical appointments and services.

Please note that Medicaid beneficiaries who can use public transportation or can access rides from family and friends should do that first.

To book a ride, find out where your ride is, or schedule a pick up call (855) 330-9131.

[RIPTA Bus Accessibility](#)

Rhode Island Public Transit Authority strives to become a model for accessible public transportation, offering service that is safe, dependable and inclusive to all our customers, including those with disabilities. Every RIPTA bus has a kneeler and a wheelchair lift or ramp, and drivers are trained to help passengers secure their wheelchairs safely.

[Reduced Fare Bus Passes](#)

People with disabilities can apply for reduced fares by calling:

(401)784-9500, ext. 1197

[Ride - Para Transit Service](#)

Paratransit service provided under ADA is available for an individual whose disability either prevents independent use of the fixed route system or prevents travel to or from bus stops.

Find application guidelines at:

<http://www.ripta.com/ada>

Or call (401) 461-9760 for more information

TDD RI Relay (800) 745-5555

Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

705 Elmwood Avenue

Providence, RI 02907

Adoption/Foster Care

[The Village](#)

The Village was incorporated in March 2016 as RI's only foster and adoptive family founded and governed support organization.

The Mission of the Village is to contribute to the development and maintenance of a robust network of healthy, committed, and well trained resource families for children in RI needing out of home care.

Current Offerings include:

- Peer Support Groups
- Kinship Care Support Groups
- Family Activities
- Open Closet
- Peer Mentoring

[Learn More Here](#)

139 Ocean Ave
Cranston, RI 02905
(401) 481-5483

Military and Veterans Resources

[Veterans Centers](#)

Veterans Centers are community-based centers that provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who served in any combat zone. Bereavement counseling and counseling for military related sexual abuse or harassment is also available. Family members and/or significant others can be seen at Veterans Centers for military related issues. There is no cost to the veteran or family for these services.

[Operation Stand Down RI](#)

Operation Stand Down RI (OSDRI) is the primary nonprofit resource for homeless and low income veterans in Rhode Island, providing life changing social services including transitional and permanent housing, employment readiness training, placement assistance, and coordination of the activities of other agencies in the delivery of such services.

1010 Hartford Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919
401-383-4730



[Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, & Survivors](#)

The Veterans Benefits Administration offers a variety of benefits and services to spouses, children, and parents of veterans.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Benefits Information

(800) 827-1000

VA Health Benefits Hotline (877) 222-8387

Recreation/Sensory Sensitive Activities

[Boys and Girls Clubs of Rhode Island](#)

The Rhode Island Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs consists of seven autonomous organizations, working together to inspire and enable youth across Rhode Island to realize their full potential. Now serving more than 25,000 youth, our Clubs are changing and saving lives with a wide variety of programs focused on Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles.

Visit the link above for a location near you.

[Boy Scouts of America](#)

Narragansett Council

P.O. Box 14777

10 Risho Avenue

East Providence, RI 02914-0777

(401) 351-8700

[Carousel Village Sensory Friendly Days](#)

Carousel Village offers Sensory-Friendly Days on the first Tuesday of every month from April through August. We invite those with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and sensory processing differences to explore and enjoy Carousel Village.

(401) 785-3510

[Chuck E. Cheese Sensory Sensitive Sundays](#)

CHUCK E. CHEESE'S invites families and friends of The Autism Project to enjoy "Sensory Sensitive Sundays" on the 1st Sunday of every month from 9:00 -11:00 am

650 Bald Hill Road

Warwick, RI 02886

(401) 823-1203

CinemaWorld Lincoln Sensory Friendly Films

On the first Saturday of every month CinemaWorld welcomes all families to enjoy a Sensory Friendly film at 10:00a.m.
622 George Washington Highway
Lincoln, RI 02865
(401) 333-8676

Girl Scouts of RI

500 Greenwich Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 331-4500

Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center

59 Summer Street
Rehoboth, MA 02769
(508) 252-5814

Hands in Harmony, LLC

Hands in Harmony is currently the only facility in Rhode Island offering Neurologic Music Therapy and one of the first in New England. We are passionate about combining evidence based techniques/strategies and maintaining current research while offer a multidisciplinary approach to service our clients.

25 W. Independence Way, Suite B
Kingston, RI 02881
(401) 783-4810

Impossible Dream Playground

575 Centerville Road
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 823-5566

Launch Trampoline - Sensory Sensitive Hours

V.I.P Time is a quieter, private time where Launch in Warwick, RI is open exclusively to jumpers with special needs, along with their families. Call to confirm times.

920 Bald Hill Road
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 828-5867

The Museum of Work & Culture SensAbilities Saturdays

All-Ability program is on the first Saturday of each month, from 9-10 am before the museum is open to the public.

42 S. Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
(401) 769-9675
mowc@rihs.org

Piano and Voice Lessons

Music Education Experience teaching children with autism.
(401) 333-9656

RI Museum of Art & Science

Sensory Sensitive Saturdays are on the first Saturday of every month, from 10am-12pm. Accommodations include trained staff on site and our louder exhibits are off the floor
The cost of admission is \$5 per person.
763 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 272-0404

Sail to Prevail

Provides mainstream, complimentary and recreational therapeutic services (including adaptive sailing program) that develop independent living skills for individuals who have experienced spinal cord injury and related nervous system disorders.
86 Thames Street
Newport, RI 02840

Showcase Cinema Sensory Sensitive Screening

Screenings take place on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00a.m. at select locations and tickets are available only at the box office.
(401) 849-8898

Skyzone Sensory Hours

Enjoy the freedom of jumping. Sensory hours provide a quieter, toned-down jumping experience for those with special needs on the second Sunday of every month.
70 Pawtucket Avenue
East Providence, RI 02916
(401) 383-6000
8:00a.m.-10:00a.m.

Special Olympics RI

Special Olympics Rhode Island provides year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

370 George Washington Highway
Smithfield, RI 02917
(401) 349-4900

Trinity Rep Sensory-Friendly Plus Performance: A Christmas Carol

201 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 351-4242



VSA Arts Rhode Island

VSA arts RI is dedicated to enriching the lives of people with disabilities through active participation in the arts by providing opportunities through which children and adults can enter the mainstream of their communities while promoting the educational and cultural benefits of the arts for all people.
500 Prospect Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-725-0247

Online Resources

Accessible RI

This site lists restaurants, museums, cinemas and cultural sites in Rhode Island that have been surveyed according to the guidelines for identifying accessibility outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Specific Disorders and Disabilities

Allergies and Asthma

Pediatric Asthma, Allergy & Immunology

Hasbro Children's Hospital
Lower Level
593 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 444-6540

Community Asthma Programs

Hasbro Children's Hospital
593 Eddy Street Annex
Office 316
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 444-8340

Attention Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder of Rhode Island (CHADD)

CHADD is an organization that provides education, advocacy and support for individuals with ADHD. The Rhode Island Chapter of CHADD offers monthly programs for Adults with ADHD, Parents of Children with ADHD and Professionals in the ADHD Field.
(401) 369-0045

Autism

The Autism Project

The Autism Project is a unique collaboration of parents, professionals and community members who provide quality support, training, and programming that is accessible to all for children and adults with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, their families and those who work with them.
1516 Atwood Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919
(401) 785-2666

Bailey's Team

BAILEY'S TEAM began by dedicating ourselves primarily to raise money to fund research to find the causes, treatments, preventions and possibly someday a cure for autism spectrum disorders. We also raise awareness and educate our communities about our children with autism and the desperate need to value and support them.

Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities (CADD)

Bradley Hospital offers unique and highly specialized clinical services for children and adolescents between the ages of 2 and 21 who show signs of serious emotional and behavioral problems in addition to a developmental disability, such as autism, Asperger's or intellectual disability.

1011 Veterans Memorial Parkway
East Providence, RI 02915
(401) 432-1119

Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)

CARD is one of the world's largest providers of evidence-based autism treatment. CARD has successfully treated thousands of individuals using the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA) to teach new skills and decrease challenging behaviors commonly associated with autism. CARD services are offered in the home, school, center, and community.

290 W. Exchange Street, Suite 101
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 401-214-2330

Rhode Island Consortium for Autism Research & Treatment (RI-CART)

RI-CART's goal is to connect as many individuals and families impacted by autism and related neurodevelopmental disorders with research studies and resources.
1011 Veterans Memorial Parkway
East Providence, RI 02915
Phone (401) 432-1200

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of RI (BIA of RI)

BIA of RI is dedicated to increasing awareness of brain injury and its consequences, providing education to prevent brain injury, and enhancing the quality of life for those affected by brain injury.

1017 Waterman Avenue
East Providence, RI 02914
(401) 228-3319

Cancer

American Cancer Society: RI Chapter

The RI American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network is a group of volunteer advocates who encourage both federal and state lawmakers to make cancer a priority and support policies that will prevent cancer and benefit cancer patients and survivors.

931 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 3004
Warwick RI 02886
(401)-243-2600
(800) ACS-2345
TTY: (866) 228-4327

The Tomorrow Fund

The Tomorrow Fund provides daily Financial and Emotional Support to children with cancer and their families who are treated in The Tomorrow Fund Clinic is located at Hasbro Children's Hospital. Kids can come from anywhere in the world; but they must be treated in the Pediatric Oncology Program at Hasbro to receive services.

593 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 444-8811

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of RI (UCP)

As the local affiliate of United Cerebral Palsy (UCP), our organization educates, advocates and provides support services to ensure a life without limits for people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities throughout of all of Rhode Island.

200 Main Street, Suite 210
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 728-1800

Developmental Disabilities

The Arc of Blackstone Valley

The Arc of Blackstone Valley ensures that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have the tools to achieve in the work place, at home and in their neighborhood. They provide person centered supportive services to individuals with a wide variety of abilities, interests, physical and health needs as they explore opportunities, develop independence and achieve valued inclusive community roles.

500 Prospect Street, Wing A
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 727-0150



Division of Behavioral Healthcare Services

Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH)

The Division of Behavioral Healthcare Services (DBH) is comprised of two program areas: integrated Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Services. Their website provides info on where to get help, Licensed Treatment Providers, and Peer Support.

The Hazard Building (Building #74)
41 West Rd, Cranston, RI 02920
(401) 462-2301

Diabetes

American Diabetes Association of New England

260 Cochituate Road, #200
Framingham, Massachusetts, 01701
(617) 482-4580

RI Department of Health Diabetes Program

The Diabetes Program helps to develop care plans and work with providers and School Nurse Teachers to ensure each child with diabetes has a school health care plan.

3 Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 222-5960

Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome Society of RI (DSSRI)

DSSRI is a parent support organization dedicated to promoting the rights, dignity and potential of all individuals with Down Syndrome through advocacy, education, public awareness and support.

100 Washington Street
Unit 325
West Warwick, RI 02893
(401) 463-5751
RI Relay: (800) 745-5555

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of New England (EFNE)

EFNE has been leading the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives. They bring communities together to raise awareness, fund education and research, and provide resources and support to children, adults, and families in their fight against epilepsy.

EFNE serves people in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

650 Suffolk Street
Lowell, MA 01854
Christina Vilardi
401-480-8110

Genetic Disorders

[New England Regional Genetic Network \(NERGN\)](#)

The New England Regional Genetics Network (NERGN) aims to improve health equity and health outcomes in individuals with genetic conditions, reduce morbidity and mortality caused by genetic conditions, and to improve the quality of coordinated and comprehensive genetic services to children and their families.

10 West Edge Dr.
Durham, NH 03284
(603) 862-4320

[Genetics Educational Material for School Success \(GEMSS\)](#)

GEMSS encourages collaboration between families, school, and medical professionals to assure all children with genetic health conditions succeed in school-life.

[Genetic Alliance](#)

Genetic Alliance engages individuals, families, and communities to transform health. We convene powerful networks, deliver actionable information, build intuitive tools, and drive policy decisions.

4301 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 404
Washington, DC 20008-2369
(202) 966-5557 (800) 336-GENE

[Rare New England](#)

RNE aims to bridge the gap between patients and families, clinics and clinicians, and the many resources available to them by existing government programs, advocacy organizations and patient groups, and state agencies, in the New England area.

120 North Main Street, Suite 202
Attleboro, MA 02703
508-699-4035

[National Organization for Rare Disorders \(NORD\)](#)

55 Kenosia Avenue
Danbury, CT 06813-1968
(203) 744-0100
(800) 999-6673
TDD: (203) 797-9590

Hearing

[State of Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)

The Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (RI CDHH) is an advocating, coordinating, and service providing entity committed to promoting an environment in which the deaf and hard of hearing in Rhode Island are afforded equal opportunity in all aspects of their lives.

One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5850
(401) 256-5511
Videophone: (401) 256-5511

[RI Speech-Language-Hearing Association](#)

The Rhode Island Speech-Language-Hearing Association is a professional, non-profit organization of speech-language pathologists and audiologists who work in schools, medical facilities, rehabilitation centers, early intervention programs, private practice, universities, and other agencies, serving people of all ages who have communication disorders.

PO Box 9452
Warwick, RI 02889

Heart Disorders

[Local American Heart Association](#)

1 State Street, Suite 200
Providence, RI, 02908
(401) 228-2320

Multiple Sclerosis

[National Multiple Sclerosis Society, RI Chapter](#)

205 Hallene Road #209
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 738-8383
1-800-FIGHT-MS

Spina Bifida

[Spina Bifida Association of Greater New England](#)

219 East Main St., Suite 1008
Milford, MA 01757
508-482-5300
Toll Free: 888-479-1900

Visual Impairments

[Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired \(SBVI\)](#)

Services to children from 3 through 14 are provided by social workers. These services include:

- Counseling and guidance to children and youth with visual impairments and their parents and/or support team;
- Medical and educational planning;
- Advocacy;
- IEP participation and support;
- Eye glasses and other adaptive equipment (based on Economic Need and Comparable Benefits);

40 Fountain Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 421-7005
TDD: (401) 421-7016
Spanish: (401) 462-7791

[Rhode Island Services for Children and Youth with Dual Sensory Impairment](#)

RI Services to Children and Youth with Dual Sensory Impairments, also known as the DSI Project, is a federally funded by Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) to provide technical assistance to educational teams who serve learners with deaf-blindness from birth through 22 years of age.

[Rhode Island Vision Education and Services Program](#)

The Rhode Island Vision Services Education and Services Program, supported by the Rhode Island Department of Education and located at the Sherlock Center, provides teaching and consultation services to children who are blind or visually impaired, their families and educational staff within the school environment.

[Talking Books](#)

The Rhode Island Talking Books Library (TBL) program is administered by the Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS). With funding from the Library of Congress, National Library Service, digital audiobooks, braille books and other reading materials and equipment are provided free to Rhode Island residents who are visually impaired, blind or physically handicapped and unable to read standard print materials.

One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 574-9310
TTY: 711

Web Resources

[Rhode Island Family Guide](#)

The RI Family Guide is an online resource for families looking for information on raising healthy and happy kids in Rhode Island and the surrounding areas.



Basic Needs

Community Action Programs (CAPs)

Rhode Island Community Action Association is a network of community action programs (CAPs) serving all 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island. Program have various missions and goals to end poverty, by continuously aiming to provide resources, support, services

and programs to Rhode Island residents in need.

Services available may include:

- Counseling
- Employment
- Education
- Financial Services
- Family Health Centers
- Housing Assistance
- Case Management
- Senior Services
- Youth & Family Support & Development

Locate your local CAP Agency at:

www.ricommunityaction.org

To access assistance:

Complete the [RI Access to Benefits Form](#)

-OR-

Call 211 (United Way's Infoline)

Local CAP Agencies

[Blackstone Valley Community Action Program](#)

32 Goff Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 723-4520

[Community Action Partnership of Providence](#)

518 Hartford Avenue, Providence, RI 02909
(401) 273-2000

[Community Care Alliance](#)

PO Box 1700, Woonsocket, RI 02895
(401) 235-7000

[Comprehensive Community Action](#)

311 Doric Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910
(401) 467-9610

[Eastbay Community Action](#)

Lower Bay Region

19 Broadway, Newport, Rhode Island 02840
(401) 847-7821

Upper Bay Region

100 Bullocks Point Avenue, Riverside, RI 02915
(401) 437-1000

[Tri-County Community Action Agency](#)

1935 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879
(401) 789-3016

[Westbay Community Action Partnership](#)

224 Buttonwoods Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 732-4660

United Way of RI

Call 211 or go to www.211ri.org

Rhode Island 2-1-1 is a free, confidential service that provides information and referrals related to lifelong learning, basic supports, and community engagement. Trained specialists offer support and answers at every level whether you're looking for help with tax preparation, childcare, or prevention programs—or need help with food, housing, or medical costs. The call is free and available in multiple languages.

Call 2-1-1 directly, use online chat, text, or use this website for a web search.

Walk-in services are available at, 50 Valley Street, Providence (in the Olneyville neighborhood).

TDD/TTY: (401) 519-0374

Out-of-state callers: (800) 367-2700

Housing

[Rhode Island Housing](#)

Rhode Island housing strives to ensure that all people who live or work in Rhode Island can afford a healthy, attractive home that meets their needs. Rhode Island Housing uses all of its resources to provide low-interest loans, grants, education and assistance to help Rhode Islanders find, rent, buy, build and keep a good home.

44 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903-1721
(401) 457-1234
TTY: (401) 450-1394
(800) 427-5560
En Español: (401) 457-1122

[The Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission \(HRC\)](#)

HRC was created by legislation in 1998 to be the planning and policy, standards and programs agency for housing issues. The Commission's purpose is to ensure that all Rhode Islanders have access to safe and affordable housing. A 27 member Commission, representing a wide range of constituents, from government to providers to advocates.

One Capitol Hill, 3 Floor
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 222-4897

[Rhode Island Community Food Bank](#)

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank distributes food to people in need through a network of agencies statewide.

200 Niantic Avenue
Providence, RI 02907
(401) 942-6325

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can help individuals and families buy food. Anyone struggling financially to buy food and provide nutritious meals may be eligible for the SNAP Program. You do not need to be participating in other DHS programs to receive SNAP benefits. You can be unemployed or working, preparing for work, receiving a pension, or homeless.

How to Apply:

You can apply online at

www.healthsourceri.com

-OR-

call a **Community Action Program** in your area.

Other Financial Assistance

Rhode Island Works

The Department of Human Services' Rhode Island Works Program offers temporary cash assistance, health coverage, child care assistance, and help finding job training or a job. This program is available for pregnant women and adults with children under age 18 (or under age 19 if child is a full-time student). Services are available statewide. The RI Works Program encourages adult family members to work by offering the following benefits and support services:

- Cash assistance is provided on a temporary basis to needy families that meet certain guidelines.
- Health care is provided through the RIte Care Program. Families can choose a participating health plan
- Child care assistance is provided if needed
- Assistance with finding work or job training is available
- Food assistance is available through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP.
- Transportation reimbursement or bus passes are available to support preparation for employment.

Eligibility

Eligibility for the RI Works program is based on family income and resources. For more information, please make an appointment to see a DHS worker at a local DHS Office.

How to Apply

To apply, contact your local DHS Office. You will need to complete an application and provide proof of identity, income, assets, resources, and expenses.

DHS Info Line

Includes RIte Care, RI Works, Early Intervention, Children with Special Needs
1-855-697-4347

TTY: (800) 745-5555

[Earned Income Tax Credit Information](#)

(800) 829-1040

Educational Resources

Ages 3 to 21

Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE)

RIDE is responsible for providing information, resources, and technical assistance on educational matters to schools and RI residents. This state agency works to ensure that all students have the access and support needed to attain the academic, social, emotional, career readiness and citizenship knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary to be successful in the 21st century.

[Rhode Island Department of Education](#)

255 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 222-4600

Special Education

The goal of Special Education is to improve the academic, social and post school success of students with disabilities ages 3 to 21. Students eligible for special education require specially designed instruction and related services as needed to meet their unique needs. This office provides specific information about Special Education including:

- Laws, Regulations and Policy
- School & Family Partnership
- When Schools & Families Do Not Agree
- Advisory Committees
- Resources & Information on Specific Disabilities
- Special Education Programming
- Early Childhood Special Education

Learn more at:

www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/SpecialEducation

Special Education Call Center

RIDE operates a Call Center during regular business hours to assist families and school district personnel with special education questions.

(401) 222-8999

Child Outreach Screening

Child Outreach is a universal developmental screening system designed to screen all children, aged three to five years old. Screening serves as a first step in the identification of children who might have developmental delays or disabilities and who could benefit from intervention. This developmental screening looks at several areas including speech and language, vision, hearing, and general development. If areas of concern are identified, a referral will be made to the family's local school departments for an evaluation to determine eligibility for preschool special education services.

Find your local Child Outreach office at:

www.ride.ri.gov

Early Childhood Special Education

Early Childhood Special Education is a state and federally mandated program for three, four, and five-year-old children with developmental delays or disabilities, who are not old enough for kindergarten. Preschool children with disabilities who meet eligibility criteria may receive services upon reaching their third birthday. Every school district or special education collaborative provides early childhood special education services.

[RI Public School Early Childhood Special Education Contacts](#)

For more information contact:

Office of Instruction, Assessment and Curriculum
(401) 222-4600

Public Pre-Schools

Many school districts offer low or no cost high quality inclusive preschool programs in their public schools. Programs are designed for resident three to five-year-olds, prior to kindergarten entry.

State funded Pre -Kindergarten

The state of Rhode Island has PreK programs designed to meet high-quality standards, build on the existing early childhood education infrastructure in the state (including child care, Head Start and public schools), and serve children 4 years of age who reside in communities with concentrations of low performing schools.

[Public Pre-Kindergarten Programs](#)

RIDE Directory

RIDE has a search tool that provides access to contact information for Rhode Island schools and related organizations. Features of this directory of personnel include Directors of Special Education, Principals, and Superintendents.

This directory also allows for searching types of schools including:

[Special Education Schools](#)

A special education school is a public elementary/secondary school that focuses primarily on serving the needs of students with disabilities.

[Charter Schools](#)

Charter schools are public schools authorized by the State of Rhode Island to operate independently from many state and local district rules and regulations. As a result of this flexibility, charter school operations are allowed to pursue innovative educational strategies designed to meet specific student achievement goals and objectives stated in their charter.

[Career and Technical Centers](#)

These regional centers offer a diverse set of programs ranging from career exploration activities to job-specific skill development. Each center offers a different mix of technical training programs and educational opportunities.

[Title I Programs](#)

Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 is a federal effort to improve the academic achievement of all students, particularly those who are at risk of not meeting performance standards. Schools participating in Title I are required to have specific programs, activities and procedures for involving parents.

[Advanced Coursework Network](#)

The Advanced Coursework Network is designed to help districts and schools meet this need by creating opportunities for Rhode Island students to envision, pursue and realize their individualized graduation pathway. Coursework is offered by Rhode Island Schools, Community-Based Organizations and Institutions of Higher Education. Learn about the courses available to students in participating districts by reviewing the course catalogs.

[Afterschool Opportunities](#)

Before and after school programs provide supervised and structured expanded learning opportunities for children and youth. These programs offer a critical service for working parents, as well as an opportunity for children and youth to build social, academic and life skills. Below are the RI Department of Education managed programs related to expanded learning opportunities for children and youth.

Additional Educational Supports for Parents and Professionals

[Office of Student, Community and Academic Supports \(OSCAS\)](#)

The goal of the Office of Student, Community and Academic Supports is to ensure that children with diverse learning needs are provided equal access to a public education, and that schools develop effective strategies for meeting the needs of these unique learners. This office is responsible for advancing the education of children and youth. Including those:

- With disabilities who require Special Education
- Who are English Language Learners
- Who are disadvantaged and/or Participate in Title I
- Who are experiencing Homelessness, Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk
- Who are Learning Beyond Grade Level

[The office also supports:](#)

- Expanded Learning Opportunities outside of the regular school day or school year
- Health and Safety efforts to ensure nurturing school environments

[THRIVE](#)

Thrive website, sponsored by RI Department of Education in partnership with RI Department of Health is the central source of information about health and safety in RI schools.

Topics addressed include:

- Afterschool Opportunities
- Family & Community Engagement
- Health
- Nutrition
- Physical Education
- School Safety

[InfoWorks](#)

This site combines key data from different sources to provide a holistic view of public education in RI and shares school, district, or statewide data on:

- Student Achievement
 - Teaching
 - Students & Families
 - Safe & Supportive Schools
 - Funding & Resources
- (401) 222-4600

[Parent Training and Information Center](#)

The Rhode Island Parent Information Network's Parent Training and Information Center (PTIC) is part of a national network of Parent Centers. The PTIC provides training, information and technical assistance to families of children and youth with disabilities and to professionals who work with them.

300 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 300
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 270-0101

[Rhode Island Healthy Schools Coalition \(RIHSC\)](#)

RIHSC is committed to making all RI schools healthy places for children to learn, grow and thrive. By leveraging the expertise, resources and inspiration of our partner community organizations, supports Rhode Island schools in sustaining active wellness committees that develop and implement strong, comprehensive wellness policies.

[Rhode Island's Community School Initiative \(RIPCS\)](#)

Rhode Island's community school initiative promotes integrated education, health, and social services to students attending public schools in ten communities across Rhode Island.

Opportunities for Family Leadership and Advocacy

[Advisory Boards and Councils](#)

RIDE and other agencies serving students with disabilities are advised by several statewide boards and councils. These open meetings are an opportunity to learn more about current issues related to education.

- RI Special Education Advisory Board
- RI Vision Education Services Program Advisory Board
- Transition Council
- English Language Learners Advisory Board

[Family Engagement Advisory Council](#)

This council serves as an advisory body to the governor, the department of education, the board of regents, and to school districts on matters relating to family engagement in public schools.



Transition Supports

Transition planning is a way for youth ages 14 to 21 and their families, and service providers to prepare the student for life after high school. Transition means making a change or going from one place to another. For students with disabilities, transition means going from school to the adult world. It's important to plan early for this transition – beginning in the teen years for a successful and rewarding future.

Below you will find a listing of state agencies that provide support to youth, families and professionals in navigating this important process.

Navigating Transition

[Rhode Island Parent Information Network \(RIPIN\)](#)

RIPIN supports state executive agencies, school districts, and parent organizations with navigating the transition planning process and identifying pathways to adult services. Resources include:

Call Center (401) 270-0101

Online resources:

- [Resource Page](#)
- [Workshops and Information Sessions](#)
- [Transition Checklist](#)

Forums for parents and professionals

- Annual College Forum
- Transition 101

[For more information contact:](#)

300 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 300
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 270-0101

Health and Wellness for Youth with Special Healthcare Needs

[Adolescent Healthcare Transition Program](#)

The RI Dept. of Health's Adolescent Transition program assists youth with chronic health conditions and disabilities as they transition to the adult systems of primary and specialty care, education, employment, and insurance. The Office of Special Healthcare Needs supports:

[RI Youth Transition Workbook](#)

This resource was developed to help you make the most out of your high-school years and to assist you in your transition to the adult world.

[Dare to Dream Leadership Conference](#)

This conference, held on college campus, provides students with special needs the opportunity to examine the concepts of transition and to share experiences with other students. Youth gain self-determination and leadership skills while learning valuable skills such as advocacy, teamwork, public speaking, time management, and mentoring.

[Youth Leadership Opportunities](#)

Find a directory of school and community-based youth leadership development opportunities throughout Rhode Island.

[For more information contact:](#)

Office of Special Health Care Needs
RI Department of Health
(401) 222-5929

Linking Education and Career Planning

[RI Department of Education](#)

The RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, actively works with students, parents, local school districts, and other state and local agencies to promote an effective statewide system of secondary transition services for students with disabilities. Find out more about how RIDE works to improve transition outcomes for students in Rhode Island by clicking the link above.

[Office of Rehabilitation Services \(ORS\)](#)

ORS is a state agency that assists students with disabilities with transition planning to adult life. ORS Counselors work with all school districts, families and students to prepare for job training, career development and employment opportunities after high school.

40 Fountain Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 421-7005 x 350



RI Regional Transition & Vocational Assessment Centers

The Regional Transition Centers (RTC) & Regional Vocational Assessment Centers (RVAC) were developed to support schools, families and communities in preparing students for adult life through:

- professional development
- resource materials
- programs and services
- informational events

In contacting any one of the Regional Transition Centers, you will find support for your transition-aged student (14 – 21). Whether you're a family member or educator, you can help your student prepare and plan for their future by attending informational workshops, taking part in school sponsored transition events, participating in career assessments, calling to receive one-on-one support, or simply by browsing the resource library at your regional transition center.

For more information contact the center in your region:

[East Bay Educational Collaborative \(EBEC\)](#)

317 Market St
Warren, RI 02885
(401) 245-4998

[Northern RI Collaborative \(NRIC\)](#)

640 Geo. Washington Hwy.
Building B Suite 200
Lincoln, RI 02865
(401) 495-2011

[The Providence Transition Academy](#)

Only open to Providence School Students
35 Swiss Street
Providence, RI 02909
(401) 461-4224

[West Bay Collaborative \(WBC\)](#)

144 Bignall Street
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 941-8353 x 124

[Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities](#)

The Sherlock Center works in partnership with public and private organizations to improve transition services for students with disabilities as they move from school to adult life. The Center also has a Consumer Advisory Committee that welcomes new members.

[Community Supports Navigator Program](#)

A Community Supports Navigator provides young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families the guidance needed to plan for meaningful adult lives in their communities after graduation from high school. Navigators are trained in the values of self-determination, person-centered planning facilitation and the processes for accessing natural, community, and formal supports.

600 Mount Pleasant Avenue
Providence RI 02908
(401) 456-8072

[The RI Resource Hub](#)

This comprehensive online directory of education and career resources provides two powerful ways for Rhode Islanders to search jobs, classes, training programs, and career development opportunities.

[Resource Finder](#)

A user-friendly online tool that helps Rhode Islanders find high-quality education and career resources based on their needs and preferences.

[Career Planner](#)

A user-friendly online tool that helps counselors, coaches, and other professionals create an actionable career plan with a client.

Adult Education and GED

Programs in Adult Education, GED, Workforce Training, and English for Speakers of Other Languages are offered during the day and evening to prepare adults for jobs and career pathways. Instruction is provided face to face and online.

For information contact:

[RI Department of Education](#)

Office of Adult Education and GED
(401) 222-8948

Lifelong Supports/Financing Services

Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH)

[Division of Developmental Disabilities \(DDD\)](#)

The DDD is responsible for planning, funding, and overseeing services for adults with developmental disabilities in RI. This division supports efforts across the state to provide high-quality services and works to ensure equitable access to and allocation of available resources to be responsive to the individual needs of the person.

What they do:

- Fund service provider agencies and individuals who receive Self-Directed Services
- Help individuals navigate the complex system of services
- Support opportunities for meaningful roles in the community
- Provide integrated employment and day services
- Support person-centered planning
- Promote human rights and protect people from abuse
- Safeguard the health and safety of people with disabilities
- How to get started:
- Find out whether you might be eligible to receive adult developmental services.
- Apply for services. Students should apply for eligibility well in advance of leaving high school.

Once you apply and are determined eligible for services, you will be contacted by staff at the division and will complete an assessment called the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS).

[Support Intensity Scale \(SIS\)](#)

The Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) is a tool that Rhode Island uses to determine service needs and related levels of funding for individuals receiving developmental disability services. The assessment is done during an interview with individuals and the people who know them well.

Simpson Hall
6 Harrington Road
Cranston, RI 02920
(401) 462-3201



[Lifespan Community Health Institute \(LCHI\)](#)

LCHI coordinates hundreds of programs, events and community service activities at free or reduced cost that promote healthy behaviors, healthy relationships, and healthy environments.

335R Prairie Avenue
Suite 2B
Providence, RI 02905
(401) 444-8009

[Personal Lifetime Advocacy Networks of Rhode Island \(PLAN RI\)](#)

PLAN RI is a non-profit membership organization that helps families create a safe and secure future for their loved ones with a disability. PLAN RI provides assistance in expanding a network of friends and supporters for your loved one, contributing to their quality of life now and in the future.

51 Puritan Drive
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 785-9541
planri@gmail.com

[Ocean State Center for Independent Living \(OSCIL\)](#)

OSCIL is a non-residential, consumer-driven, community-based, cross-disability, non-profit organization. OSCIL was established to provide a range of independent living services to enhance, through self-direction, the quality of life for persons with disability and to promote integration into the community. OSCIL is governed by an active Board of Directors comprised largely of persons having disabilities, who play a major role in setting policy and programming.

1944 Warwick Avenue
Warwick, RI 02889-2448
(401) 738-1013

Advocacy Opportunities

[Youth Advisory Council](#)

The Youth Advisory Council is comprised of youth and young adults who have an interest in helping their peers who want to improve their school and communities. The Council provides feedback and collaborates with the on a variety of activities, programs, policies, and resources that affect the health, wellness, and transitional needs of youth in the State. The Council meets from September to June at the RI Department of Health.

[Transition Council](#)

To create a partnership among state agencies, parents, students with special needs and local education agencies. This partnership will serve to enable students and young adults with special needs to successfully transition to adult life in their community. This council is convened by the RI Department of Education.
(401) 222-8350

[Self-Directed Supports User Group](#)

Individuals or family members currently using or considering using self-directed supports through the Division of Developmental Disabilities are welcome to attend. Topics discussed include:

- Designing a plan to support what you need
- Recruiting and keeping good staff
- Connecting to opportunities in your community & more
- Quarterly Developmental Disabilities Community Forums

(401) 456-4732

[Adolescent Leadership Council \(TALC\)](#)

TALC supports teens with chronic illness and their families and focuses on discussions about living with illness, skill-building and leadership. Meetings run once a month on Thursday evenings.

593 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 444-7563

Online Resources

[Got Transition?](#)

Got transition? is a national resource for health care professionals, families and youth that aims to improve transition from pediatric to adult health care.

What they do:

- Provide effective health care transition supports to youth, young adults, and families
- Develop youth and parent leadership in advocating for needed transition supports
- Serve as a clearinghouse for current transition information, tools, and resources

1615 M Street NW, Suite 290
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 223-1500



Policy Resources

Congress

www.congress.org

United States House of Representatives

Congressman David Cicilline (D)

Washington Office:

2233 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-4911

Rhode Island Office:

1710 Main Street, Suite 300
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 729-5600
(800) 392-5772 (in Rhode Island)
www.cicilline.house.gov

Congressman James Langevin (D)

Washington Office:

2077 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-2735

Rhode Island Office:

300 Centerville Road, Suite 200 South
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 732-9400
www.langevin.house.gov

United States Senators

U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D)

Washington Office:

United States Senate
728 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-4642

Providence Office:

U.S. District Courthouse
One Exchange Terrace
Suite 408
Providence, RI 02903-1173
(401) 528-5200
TDD (800) 745-5555

Cranston Office:

1000 Chapel View Boulevard
Suite 290
Cranston, RI 02920-5602
(401) 943-3100
(800) 284-4200 (toll free in Rhode Island)
www.reed.senate.gov

U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D)

Washington Office:

Hart Senate Office Bldg., Room 530
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-2921

Providence Office:

170 Westminster Street, Suite 200
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 453-5294
www.whitehouse.senate.gov

Rhode Island Government

Rhode Island Governor

Governor Gina Raimondo

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222 State House
Providence, RI 02903
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www.governor.ri.gov

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Lt. Governor Dan McKee

Office of the Lt. Governor
State House, Room 116
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 222-2371
ltgov@ltgov.ri.gov
www.ltgov.ri.gov

Secretary of State

Nellie M. Gorbea

[Secretary of State Site](#)

The RI Department of State engages and empowers all Rhode Islanders by making government more accessible and transparent, encouraging civic pride, enhancing commerce and ensuring that elections are fair, fast and accurate.

[Rhode Island General Assembly](#)

[Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services \(ORS\)](#)

(401) 421-7005

[Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families \(DCYF\)](#)

(401) 528-3500

[Rhode Island Department of Education \(RIDE\)](#)

(401) 222-4600

[Rhode Island Department of Health \(RIDOH\)](#)

(401) 222-5960



[Rhode Island Department of Human Services \(DHS\)](#)

1-855-MY-RIDHS

[Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals \(BHDDH\)](#)

(401) 462-3201

[DHS Office of Child Support Services](#)

(401) 458-4400

[Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner \(OHIC\) RI Department of Business Regulation](#)

(401) 462-9517

State Commissions and Councils

[RI Commission for Human Rights](#)

The objective of the Commission for Human Rights is to enforce anti-discrimination laws mandated by state and federal law.

180 Westminster Street
3rd Floor
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 222-2661
TTY: (401) 222-2664

[State of Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing \(CDHH\)](#)

The CDHH provides innovative leadership in public policy, advocacy, service delivery and accessibility throughout the Ocean State, RI CDHH ensures opportunities for every deaf and hard of hearing person to become an empowered and contributing citizen

One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5850
(401) 256-5511
Videophone: (401) 256-5511

[Governor's Commission on Disabilities \(GCD\)](#)

The GCD ensures that all people with disabilities are afforded the opportunities to exercise all the rights and responsibilities accorded to citizens of this state and each person with a disability is able to reach his/her maximum potential in independence, human development, productivity and self-sufficiency.

John O. Pastore Center
2 Cherry Dale Court
Cranston, RI 02920-3049
(401) 462-0100

[Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council](#)

Promoting the ideas that will enhance the lives of people with developmental disabilities is one of the Council's missions. Under federal enabling legislation the Council must stay abreast of and share information about new programs and services as well as important issues, trends and ideas that are of concern to people with developmental disabilities, families, service agencies, business, and community leaders, legislators and policy makers. The Council web site connects people with the information they need to make positive changes in their lives or to develop a frame of reference for decision making.

400 Bald Hill Road Suite 515
Warwick, RI 02886
Voice/TDD: (401) 737-1238

Advocacy Organizations

[The Economic Progress Institute \(EPI\)](#)

formerly The Poverty Institute

EPI is a nonpartisan research and policy organization dedicated to improving the economic well-being of low- and modest-income Rhode Islanders.

600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Building #9
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 456-8512

[The Rhode Island Health Coverage Project \(RIHCP\)](#)

A joint initiative of The Economic Progress Institute and RI KIDS COUNT, was created to ensure that consumers have a voice in the decisions the state needs to make in implementing federal health care reform. There work focuses on the development of the Health Insurance Exchange, Consumer Support and affordable health insurance options.

600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 456-2751

[Advocates in Action Rhode Island \(AinA\)](#)

AinA is an independent, statewide, non-profit self-advocacy organization created by a coalition of Rhode Islanders with developmental disabilities to educate and empower others. Leadership and advocacy information can be found on their website.

500 Prospect Street
Suite 304
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(877) 532-5543
TDD: (800) 745-5555

[Disability Rights Rhode Island](#)

DRRI is a non-profit organization that provides free legal assistance to persons with disabilities and distributes information on the rights of people with disabilities.

33 Broad Street
Suite 601
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 831-3150
TTY: (401) 831-5335

[RI Legal Services \(RILS\)](#)

RILS provides high quality legal assistance and representation to low-income individuals and eligible client groups for the purpose of improving their economic condition and overall wellbeing.

56 Pine Street, 4th Floor
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 274-2652

[Family Voices](#)

Family Voices aims to achieve family-centered care for all children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities. Throughout their national grassroots network, they provide families resources and support to make informed decisions, advocate for improved public and private policies, build partnerships among families and professionals, and serve as a trusted resource on health care.

Family Voices (National)
3701 San Mateo Blvd., Suite 103
Albuquerque, NM 87176
(505) 872-4774
(888) 835-5669

Mailing Address
P.O. Box 37188
Albuquerque, NM 87176

[National Center for Family and Professional Partnerships \(NCFPP\)](#)

NCFPP promotes families as partners in the decision-making of healthcare for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) with support from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

NCFPP supports:

- A community of family leaders through peer mentoring and training
- Projects that demonstrate the value of family/professional partnerships and family-centered care
- Engagement in reciprocal learning with state and local strategic partners

[National Disability Rights Network Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Disabilities \(NDRN\)](#)

The NDRN represents federally mandated programs that protect the rights of persons with disabilities.

830 1st Street NE, Suite 740
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 408-9514
TTY: (202) 408-9521

[Project Vote Smart](#)

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