## RIPIN

## Self-Directed Support Program

**Community Information Session (CIS) Meet and Greet with Support Brokers for the Self-Directed Support Community** 



PERSONAL SUPPORT BUILT ON PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

## **ABOUT RIPIN**

- Independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- Peer Professionals
- Help Rhode Islanders of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds access and navigate:
  - Health Care
  - Education
  - Healthy Aging
  - Other services/supports/complex systems







## SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT PROGRAM





#### **VIRTUAL EVENTS**

**FALL 2023** 

SEPT <b>26</b>	Community Information Session Resources from the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities
ост <b>10</b>	What is Self-Direction? Learn about self-direction for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
ост <b>24</b>	Community Information Session Meet and Greet with Support Brokers in the Self-Directed Support Community
NOV 28	The Supports Intensity Scale (SIS-A) What is it, and how do you prepare? An interview with BHDDH's Donna Standish
DEC <b>12</b>	Individualized Service Plans (ISP) What is it? Where do we start?









## What is Support Brokerage?

A Support Broker is the bridge between the person and the services and programs they use.

- Helps find and identify resources.
- Takes all direction from the person
- Helps implement Self-Directed plans
- Supports the goals of the Individualized Support Plan (ISP).





Presenting:

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&
Dorothea Carter

Rhode Island
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Our mission is to provide innovative, customized life supports to people on the journey towards their best life.





Best Life RI's vision is to listen deeply to people to fully understand their desires, dreams and visions for their future.



Best Life RI will promote support from all people in a person's life (Family members, chosen allies, community members and staff)

## What Are Support Brokerage Services?

Support Brokerage is a person-centered approach that empowers individuals with IDD to take control of their lives, make informed choices, and access the support they need to thrive in their communities.







## How Our Services Work:

- 1. Personalized Assessments: We begin by getting to know you—your unique strengths, preferences, and goals. Through personalized assessments, we gain insights into your individual needs and aspirations.
- 2. Developing a Life Plan: Together, we create a personalized life plan that outlines your goals and the support required to achieve them. This plan is your roadmap to independence and success.
- 3. Connecting with Services: We help you navigate the complex service system, identifying and connecting you with the services and resources that align with your goals, whether it's employment, housing, education, or healthcare.
- **4. Advocacy and Support:** Your Advisor will work with you to advocate, ensuring that your voice is heard and your choices are respected. We provide ongoing support to help you navigate life's challenges and celebrate your successes.
- **5. Collaborative Partnerships:** We work in partnership with you, your family, chosen allies, and external agencies to ensure a holistic approach to your support needs. Collaboration is key to achieving your goals.

### Advisors

Advisors are a dedicated advocate, guide, and mentor, working to empower individuals with IDD and their families and allies to support people to lead fulfilling and self-directed lives. Their role is not just about providing support but also about fostering independence, inclusion, and personal growth. They stand alongside individuals with IDD, helping them navigate life's challenges and celebrate their achievements.

Advisors support people with Personalized Guidance, Advocacy, Resource Navigation, Skill Development, Goal Setting, Community Integration, Emotional and Social Support.



## Questions?







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# RHODE ISLAND SELF-DIRECT COALITION



RIPIN's Self-Directed Support Program's

Community Information Session (CIS)

October 24, 2023

#### SUPPORT BROKERAGE

- We will be available to you when you select self-direction.
- We will support you in building the services and supports you need to live the life you choose.
- We will answer your questions and concerns regarding self-direction.
- We will assist in recruiting and training your Direct Support Professionals (DSP).
- We will support the DSP Community by holding informational meetings and sharing resources with them.
- We will identify resources to meet the needs, services, and supports outlined in your Individual Service Plan.
- Our goal is to further self-direction.
- We support you to live the life you choose, and we will help you get there.

#### ABOUT RISDC

We wanted those who use self-direction to have a seat at the table. We had no voice and the system can be confusing and overwhelming. Our goal is to network with others in self-direction to help improve not only the system, but also improve the quality of all our lives.

Our Mission: The Rhode Island Self-Direct Coalition (RISDC) provides information, resources, and guidance to individuals and families interested in Self-Direct services.

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## Questions



#### **Online Webinar**

#### RIPIN

What is the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS-A?) & How Do You Prepare?



11/28/2023 06:00pm

An interview with

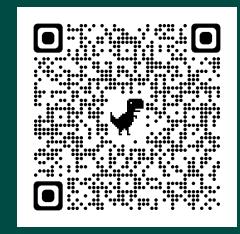
Donna Standish
Behavioral Healthcare,
Developmental Disabilities,
and Hospitals (BHDDH)



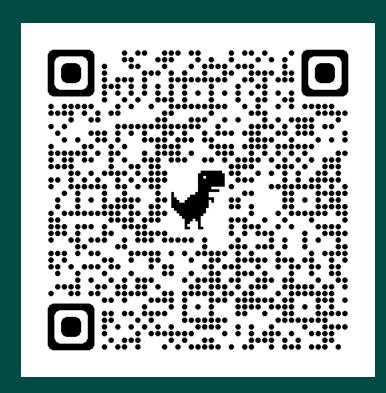
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