

# RIPIN

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## Self-Directed Support Program

Fiscal Intermediary Panel



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



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## *What is Self-Direction?*

- A service model for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD)
- Must be found eligible for funding from Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals (BHDDH)
- Allows the person and their family or trusted allies to manage their own budgets, hire their staff, and set their priorities
- Based on the individual's unique support needs and goals



# **ABOUT RIPIN'S SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT PROGRAM (SDSP)**

The goal of the Self-Directed Support Program at RIPIN is to guide and support families and individuals in navigating the systems and supports available to them when they choose self-direction.

**We do this through:**

- **Training and Education**
- **Sharing resources**
- **Peer Support**
- **Referrals**
- **Collaborations with other agencies and organizations**



# ReFocus, Inc.

Anita Fleckenstein

Location: Providence, RI

Size: Supports 200+ individuals, with 250+ Staff

Years of Service: 52



# Mission Statement

## ReFocus, Inc.

ReFocus, Inc. is a non-profit human service agency which serves adults with differing physical and developmental needs. We are an organization of dedicated people offering opportunities for growth in a loving, trusting, and challenging environment.

We value and encourage the enhancement of the whole person, each with unique talents and strengths. We also value the right of using these gifts to make informed life choices.

# The Fogarty Center

Linda Vollaro

**Location:** Barrington, RI

**Size:** 775 clients in the BHDDH Self-Directed Program

**Years of Service:** 70+, 25+ in Self-Direction

# Perspectives Corporation

**Dale Smalley and Sarah Webster**

**Location:** North Kingstown, RI

**Size:** Large, multiple programs

**Years of Service:** 47

**Area(s) of Expertise:** Deaf and Hard of Hearing supports. Employ many deaf DSPs as well as management and clinical staff.



# Seven Hills Rhode Island

Pat Lindquist and Nancy Acton

Location: Lincoln, RI

Size: Serves over 1000 people, 500+ employees

Years of Service: 62+, 14 in Self-Direction

# ProAbility

**Alisha Tillinghast and Robin-Jean Leahy**

**Location:** Smithfield, RI

**Size:** 88 Participants in self-direction

**Years of Service:** 65+, 19 in self-direction

# J Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center

Cathy D'Andrea and Charlotte Higham

Location: Warwick, RI

Years of Service: 60

# What is a fiscal intermediary (FI)?



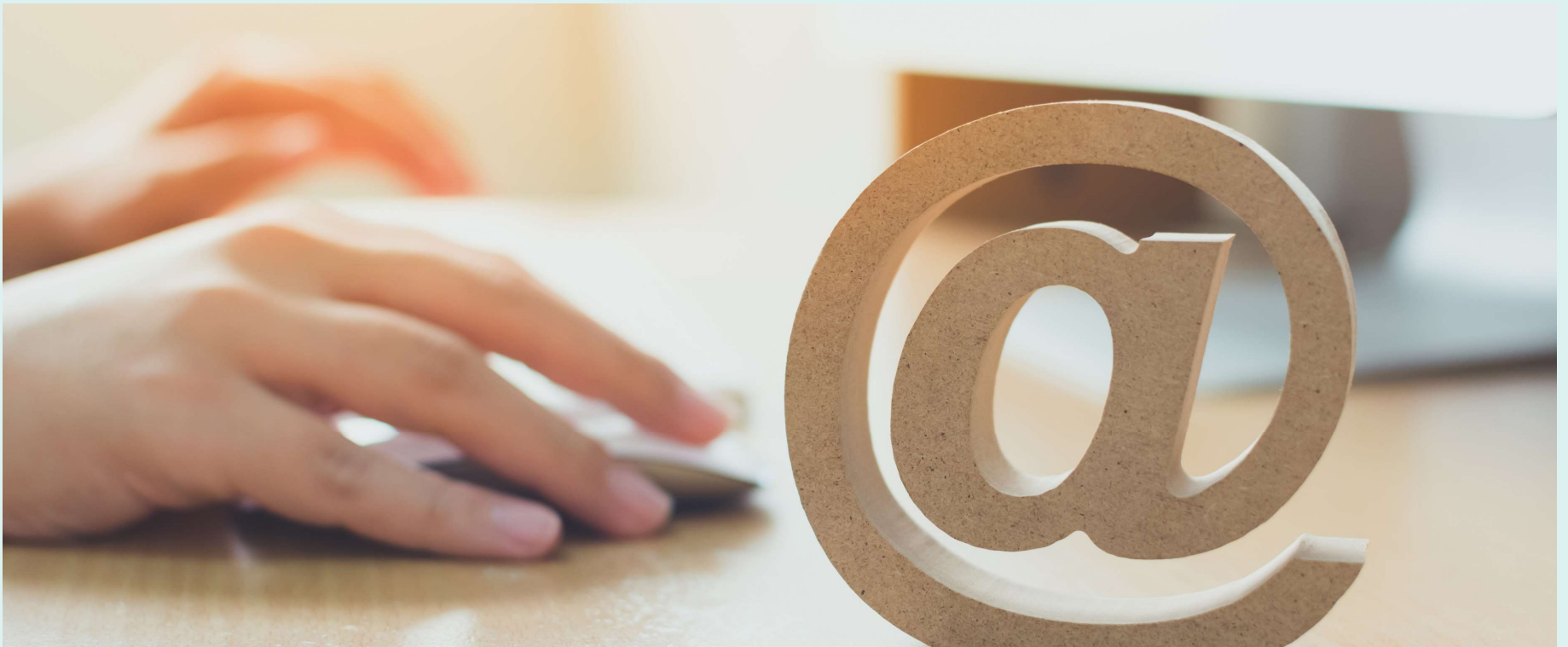
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# What services does an FI provide?



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## When do I contact an FI?



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# How is a budget created?



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# What role does the FI have in self-directed staffing?



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# What is the consumer's/family's/network's role within self-directed services?



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## Questions



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# Join us for our next event on March 26<sup>th</sup>!



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## Why I Chose Self-Direction

MAR 26 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | Zoom



RIPIN Self-Directed  
Support Program  
*Host*



Advocates in  
Action  
*Guest*



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# Our Current Calendar



## SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT PROGRAM



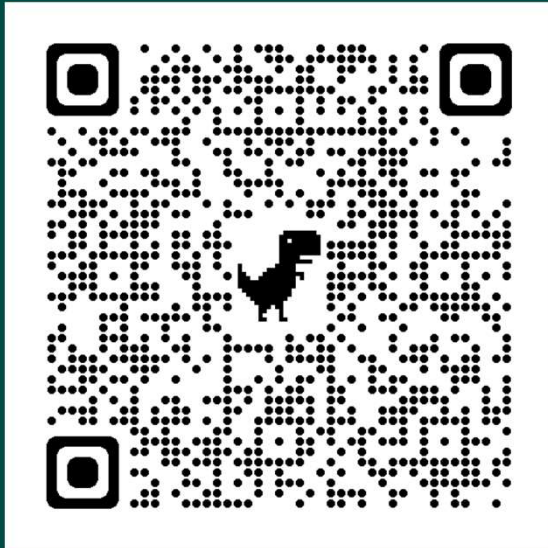
### VIRTUAL EVENTS 2024

<b>JAN 30</b>	<b>Community Information Session</b> Benefits Planning and Work Incentives presented by the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities
<b>FEB 27</b>	<b>Self-Direction Connection</b> Online community of practice for consumers, family members/caregivers, and professionals
<b>MAR 5</b>	<b>Fiscal Intermediary Panel</b> Who are they? What do they do? How do you connect?
<b>MAR 26</b>	<b>Community Information Session</b> Advocates in Action: Why I chose Self-Direction
<b>APR 30</b>	<b>Employment Success</b> Meet some individuals self-directing and hear about their employment journey

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RIPIN's webinar page:  
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