



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Words from our Executive Director

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2024 was a powerful year of progress and purpose at RIPIN. As always, we remained grounded in our peer support model—one that centers lived experience and ensures families feel understood, empowered, and not alone. Most of our board and staff are parents or caregivers of loved ones with special needs, and this connection continues to be our greatest strength.

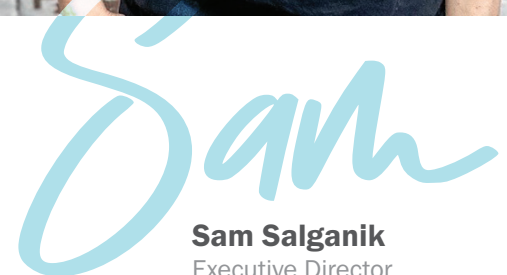
In alignment with our strategic goals, we:

- **Expanded Our Reach and Impact:** RIPIN saw extraordinary growth in engagement this year. We hosted 81 workshops with over 3,500 registrants—more than a 60% increase from 2023—and our Spanish-language offerings more than doubled. Video views across platforms grew by over 100%, including a 260% increase in views of our Spanish-language videos. These numbers are more than statistics; they represent real people accessing vital tools and information.
- **Strengthened Systems Through Advocacy:** This year marked a major legislative win for families: Rhode Island passed a new IEP transparency law that strengthens parental involvement in the special education process. We also brought voices together at our second annual RIPIN Policy Forum, focusing on preschool special education—a key priority for families statewide.
- **Invested in Leadership and Equity:** We launched the Parent Leadership Training Institute, an intensive, statewide program that equips parents with the tools to lead in their schools, communities, and policy conversations. We also deepened partnerships in communities like Central Falls and Newport, helping to build inclusive and responsive programming.
- **Celebrated Our Peer Model and Community:** In November, our inaugural Self-Directed Support Conference provided tools and inspiration for Rhode Islanders with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities directing their own care—further proving that when people are empowered, they thrive.

As we look toward RIPIN's 35th anniversary in 2026, we do so with deep gratitude to the families we serve, the partners who lift us up, and the funders and policymakers who believe in our mission. Together, we continue to build a Rhode Island where every family has the support they need.

Thank you for being part of the journey.



A large, stylized, light blue signature of Sam Salganik.

Sam Salganik
Executive Director

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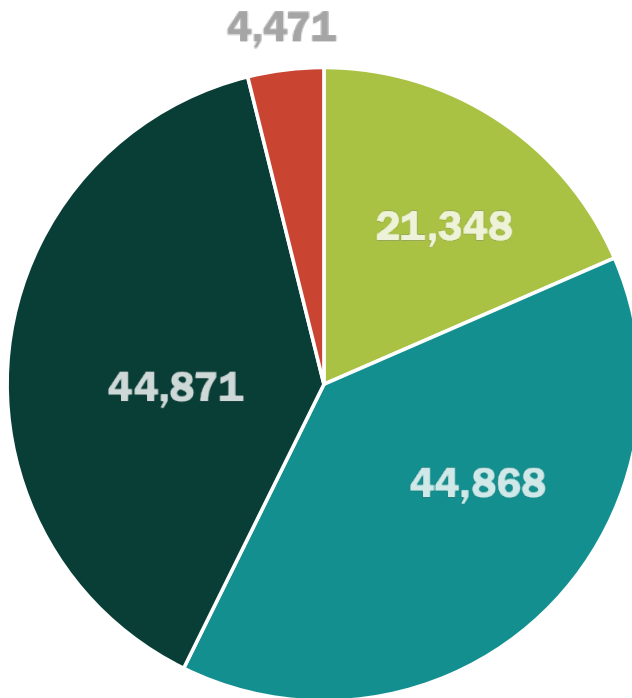
Sponsors

- American Institutes for Research
- American Lung Association
- Amica (employee donations)
- Apprenticeship Rhode Island/ Building Futures
- Blackstone Valley Prevention Coalition
- Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island
- Brown Health
- Brown University
- City of Providence Community Health Office
- Community Foundation of Howard County
- CVSHealth Foundation
- DBS Development
- Family Voices
- Faulkner Consulting
- Governor's Workforce Board
- Health Source of Rhode Island
- Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation
- Jerome Schaffran & Jeanne Carr (in Memory of Lisa Schaffran)
- John E. Fogarty Foundation
- William Hollinshead
- Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island
- NE-PACT Region A Parent Technical Assistance Center
- North Kingstown Women's Club
- Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities
- Point32Health
- Project Undercover
- Rhode Island Coalition for Children and Families
- Rhode Island College
- Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals
- Rhode Island Department of Education
- Rhode Island Department of Health
- Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services
- Rhode Island Foundation
- Rhode Island Health Center Association
- Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
- Rhode Island Medicaid



- Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging
- Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services
- Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner
- RI Certification Board
- Statewide Parent Advocacy Network, Inc. (SPAN)
- Tarzwell & Turbiano Law
- The Economic Progress Institute
- The Flum Family Charitable Foundation
- The Washington Trust Company
- United Way of Rhode Island
- UnitedHealthcare
- University of New Hampshire
- US Department of Education
- US Department of Health & Human Services-Administration For Community Living
- US Department of Health & Human Services-Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- US Department of Health & Human Services
- Maternal and Child Health Bureau
- US Health Resources and Services Administration
- Van Beuren Charitable Foundation

2024 By the Numbers



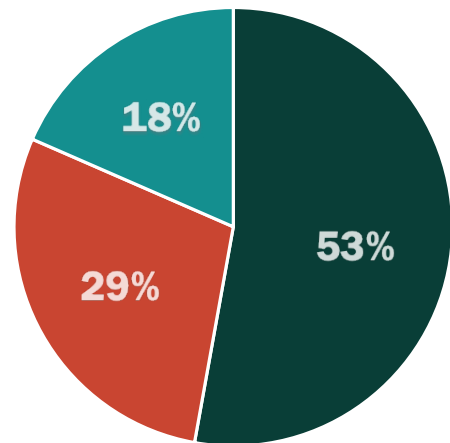
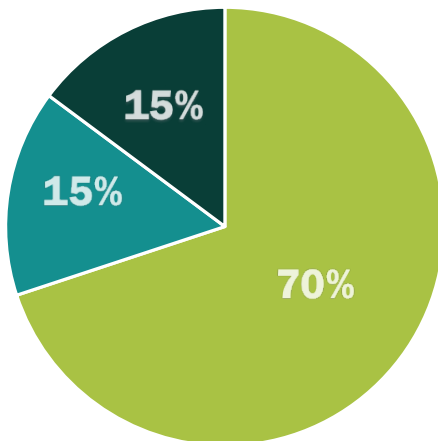
Client Encounters by Program Area

- Access to Healthcare/Health Insurance
- Support for Children with Special Needs
- Support for Older Adults
- Wellness Programs

TOTAL = 115,558

Revenue..... TOTAL: \$9,181,022

- Federal Funds
- State Funds
- Other



Expenses..... TOTAL: \$9,043,910

- Program Personnel
- Other Program Expenses
- Management Admin, Overhead

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Total dollars saved on healthcare costs (2018-2024).

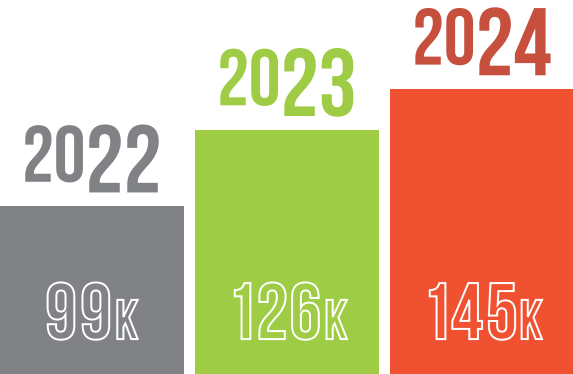
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Total people reached through live workshops and on-demand videos.

- 4,120 total registrations for workshops and events.
- 19,355 total YouTube video views.
- 15,941 Social Media video views.



Customer Satisfaction



Social Media Reach

783

IEP/Education Meetings

2024 Highlights: RIPIN's Community Impact

In 2024, RIPIN continued to empower families, strengthen communities, and advocate for positive change across Rhode Island. Through key legislative victories, impactful programs, and deep community partnerships, we reached thousands of Rhode Islanders with vital resources and support.

Advocacy & Policy Wins

IEP Bill Passed — A Win for Families! (June 2024, Statewide)

Thanks to strong advocacy efforts, Rhode Island now ensures parents receive IEP documents at least three days before meetings, can observe proposed programs, and must provide written consent before changes to their child's plan. This landmark legislation strengthens transparency and parental involvement in special education.



RIPIN Policy Forum 2024 (November 2024, Warwick & Newport)

Focusing on Preschool Special Education, this forum sparked critical conversations among caregivers, educators, and policymakers. A follow-up session in Newport expanded the discussion, with a final report published in April 2025.



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Expanding Knowledge: Workshop Impact in 2024

81 Total Workshops

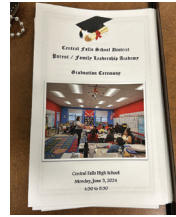
3,572 Registrants

26 Spanish-Language Workshops

550+ Registrants

RIPIN continued to serve as a trusted resource for Rhode Island families through informative and empowering workshops. These sessions covered a range of topics to help families navigate healthcare, education, and disability services.

Empowering Families Through Community Connections



Central Falls Parent Leadership Series

(March–June 2024, Central Falls)

RIPIN partnered with the Central Falls School District to empower parents as leaders and advocates. Graduates left the program feeling equipped to shape their schools and communities. www.youtube.com/shorts/I90w8nQ7Io4



Campership with Conexión Latina

(Summer 2024, Newport)



Through a strong partnership with **Conexión Latina**, RIPIN helped foster inclusive summer programming for children with special health care needs on Aquidneck Island. This collaboration highlights the power of community partnerships in creating spaces where all children can learn, play, and thrive. www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsPgT1_5lyQ



RIPIN Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI)

(Aug–Dec 2024, Statewide—Virtual)

RIPIN launched this evidence-based program to provide parents with advocacy skills and leadership tools, strengthening their voices in education, healthcare, and policy decisions.



Celebrating Community & Connection

Inaugural Self-Directed Support Conference

(November 2024, Warwick)

This first-ever event empowered individuals to take charge of their care, providing resources, tools, and peer insights. The overwhelmingly positive feedback highlights the importance of this initiative in fostering self-advocacy and independence.



With every workshop, advocacy win, and personal success story, RIPIN strengthens its commitment to Rhode Island families. In 2024, we made a tangible, lasting impact—and in 2025, we will continue to build a more inclusive, supportive, and empowered community. Thank you to our partners, policymakers, and supporters—together, we are transforming lives!



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About RIPIN

Founded in 1991, RIPIN is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps thousands of Rhode Islanders each year with health care, special education, and healthy aging. RIPIN uses a model of peer professional support—more than three-fourths of RIPIN's staff are caregivers of a loved one with special health care or special education needs.

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