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## Self-Directed Support Program

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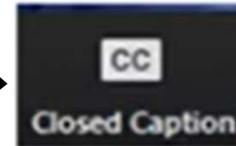
With special guests from  
Advocates in Action



PERSONAL SUPPORT BUILT ON PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

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# 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**



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## Advocates in Action

- Statewide Self-Advocacy organization
- Empowers people with developmental disabilities to speak up for themselves and others
- Raises awareness about disability issues in the community
- Helps people become aware of resources to be in control of their own lives



# Advocates in Action RI



## Our panelists:

- Andrew
- Kelly
- Keith
- Deanne
- Joe

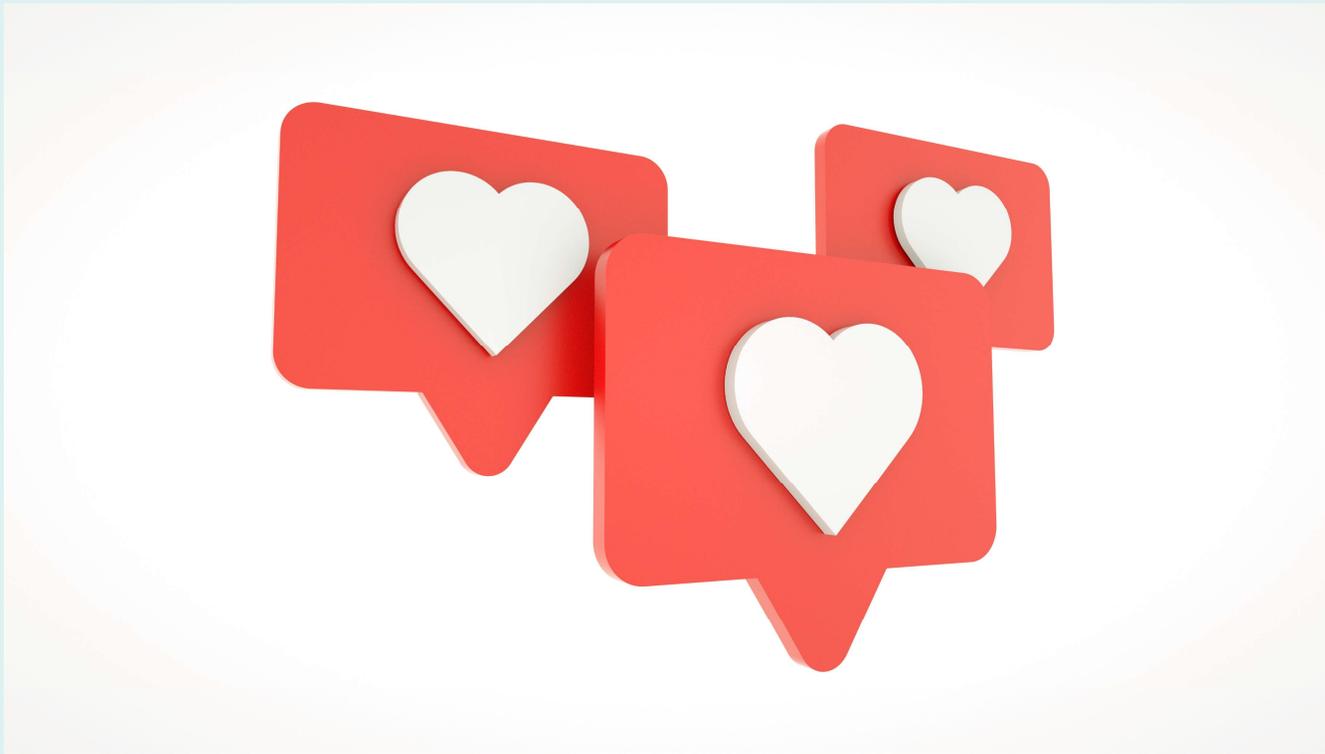


Who are you and why are you here today?



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**What do you like the most about your everyday life self-directing?**



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**What is one thing you wish you knew about self-direction before you started?**



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**What do you suggest to others who are looking to self-direct their services?**



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What is one thing you do with your life that you feel you could not do if you weren't self-directing?



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**As someone who self-directs, what is the most useful tip you can share about making your life successful?**



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## Questions from the audience:



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# Join us in January...

THE RIPIN SELF-DIRECTED  
SUPPORT TEAM PRESENTS:

## WORK PAYS!



WEBINAR

### AN INTRODUCTION TO YOUTH SSI WORK INCENTIVES

01.28.25 at 6pm  
REGISTRATION LINK TO COME

# Our Current Calendar

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**SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT PROGRAM** 2025

<b>28</b> JAN	<b>Work Pays! An Introduction to Youth SSI Work Incentives</b> On ZOOM <i>An Information session to introduce you to disability-related work incentives for youth receiving SSI benefits. Presented by Certified Work Incentives Counselors from the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities.</i>
<b>25</b> FEB	<b>Self-Direction Connection</b> On ZOOM <i>A RIPIN Self-Directed Support Program returning favorite! Come together online and meet with others who are navigating self-directed support services as we foster a supportive network of peers.</i>
<b>25</b> MAR	<b>Meet the Communications Team</b> On ZOOM <i>Hear from the communications team from the Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals (BHDDH) about how they connect with consumers and their families.</i>
<b>26</b> APR	<b>Self-Directed Toolkit</b> On ZOOM and In-Person <i>Come listen as our panel shares their tools and tips for organizing self-direction. Daily schedules, sample DSP job postings, and more!</i>
<b>20</b> MAY	<b>Mental Health Support for Consumers with I/DD</b> On ZOOM <i>May is Mental Health Month, and to recognize this important topic, we will address questions like "Who can help?" "Where can I go?" "How can I connect?"</i>
<b>TBD</b> JUN	<b>Self Direction Connection</b> In person! <i>RIPIN will host a gathering for self-directed participants, their families, staff, and other allies in a fun, relaxed environment designed to build greater connections, support, and networking opportunities.</i>

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# Missed something?

View our content on the web!

Our live webinars are recorded and posted within a few days to our website for you to view at any time.

They can be reviewed here:

Our Self-Directed Support Program's page:  
[ripin.org/selfdirectedsupport](https://ripin.org/selfdirectedsupport)



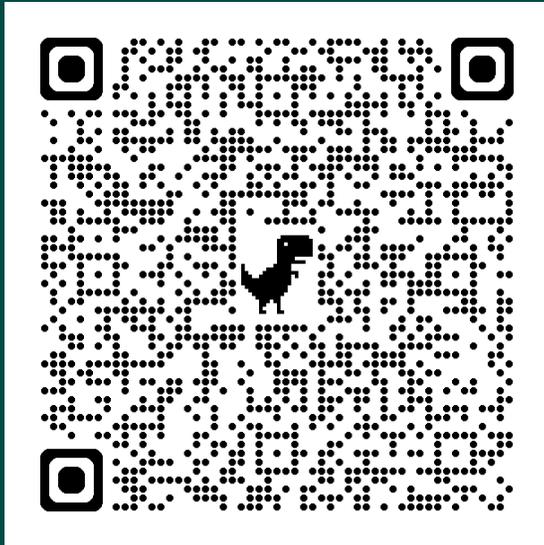
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