

Rhode Island Support Programs + Agencies



Search “Rhode Island Long-term Services and Supports Waiver Programs” to find an organized summary of State waiver assistance programs. Two good sites are:

- http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/rhode_island.html
- <https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/long-term-services-and-supports>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Is my child eligible?

<https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm>

Rhode Island -Based Resources

Olmstead Rights- Rhode Island Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations

contains many helpful resources and links to government agencies and disability rights organizations in Rhode Island. Including, but not limited to:

- Disability advocacy
- Home health services
- Home care
- Nursing aide services
- Medicaid
- Accessing other community resources to help people with disabilities

Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island

promotes hope and support by providing brain injury prevention, awareness, education, and advocacy to survivors and their families.

Department of Health Traumatic Brain Injury Program has a mission to minimize

the number and impact of traumatic brain injuries through tracking the prevalence, connecting survivors, and informing policy discussions for prevention and intervention.

Access to Independence is a home modification program for individuals and families of people with developmental disabilities.

Brain Injury Support Groups provides a listing of support groups within Rhode Island organized by population.

Community First and Employment First promotes the policy that employment in the community is the first and preferred service option for people with disabilities, to promote community-based, integrated employment as people with disabilities are an important part of the community.

Disability Determination Services (DDS) is the state agency which determines the medical eligibility of Rhode Island residents (children and adults) who have applied for cash benefits under the disability programs administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is responsible for planning, funding, and overseeing a community system of

services and supports for adults with developmental disabilities and provides information regarding the application process.

Home and Community Based Services provides resources and information regarding long term services and supports.

Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) serves people who have disabilities or chronic care needs in the setting ideal for them and their families.

Mental Health Association of Rhode Island (MHARI) promotes the value that people with mental health challenges should be treated with dignity and respect and should receive all the supports and services necessary to live their best lives.

Person-Centered Supported Employment Performance Program (PCSEPP) projects use a customized approach to help individuals find a job by focusing on an individual's strengths.

ProABILITY provides family support services to individuals who reside with their family members to enhance skill development such as self-care, independent living skills, social skill development, and other areas.

Rhode Island 2-1-1 keeps an accurate and comprehensive database to find health and human services to meet your needs.

Rhode Island Assistive Technology Access Partnership (ATAP) is a statewide partnership of organizations focused on improving access and use of assistive technology.

Rhode Island Community Living and Supports (RICLAS) is a provider of residential and day program services to promote full acceptance and participation for growth and development.

Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) partners with families and communities to raise safe and healthy children and youth in a caring environment.

Rhode Island Department of Human Services (DHS) is committed to ensuring that individuals and families in Rhode Island have access to the supports they need to achieve their goals.

Rhode Island Disability Rights + Access Coalition is a group of organizations and community members who advocate for the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities.

Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services provides services to empower individuals with disabilities options for employment, economic self-sufficiency, independence, and integration into society.

Rhode Island Office of Special Needs provides information and resources for community-based systems for children and youth with special healthcare needs and their families.

Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) has a mission is to help individuals, parents, families, and children achieve their goals for health, education, and socio-economic well-being by providing information, training, education, support, and advocacy for person/family-centered care and system change.

Rhode Island Special Education is designed to improve the academic, social and post school success of students with disabilities ages 3 to 22. Students eligible for special education require specially designed instruction and related services as needed to meet their unique needs.

Shared Living Arrangement (SLA) supports people with developmental disabilities to live

with an individual or family in a home-like setting where they can help with daily activities such as meals, transportation and personal care while providing a positive social environment with a person-centered focus.

Team Luke Hope for Minds exists to enrich the lives of children impacted by a brain injury and to give hope to their families through support, education, and resources.

TechACCESS offers evaluations, consultations, and programs to assistive technology users, families, educational and therapeutic professionals to improve the use of and access to assistive technology.

The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals works to guarantee high-quality, safe, and accessible health care services through an integrated healthcare landscape in which all Rhode Islanders will thrive.

The Rhode Island Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan (ATEL) Program provides landline/home telephones and wireless devices on loan to individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, have a speech disability, or have neuromuscular damage or disease that hinders them from using a standard telephone.

The Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council believes that people with developmental disabilities should fully participate in community life. The council works to discover and promote ways for people with disabilities to achieve full participation.

The Rhode Island Statewide Independent Living Council (RISILC) promotes independent living and empowers the community through advocacy, education, planning, and collaboration.

The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program helps individuals with disabilities to choose, prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment.

Transitioning to Adult Services is a webpage from the DDD which provides useful information and brochures regarding transitioning to adult services for different age groups, as well as information on the application process.

U.S. Department of Labor Disability Resources The federal government website for comprehensive information about disability-related programs, services, policies, laws, and regulations.

Financial Aid

Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Saving Plan allows young people with disabilities and their families to save in a tax-advantaged account for disability-related expenses annually, without impacting supplemental security income, Medicaid, and other federal programs.

Amos House serves the community in a variety of ways including emergency assistance, prescription assistance, utility bills, a soup kitchen, job training and employment, and more.

Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) – Starting Right Child Care Assistance Program can help pay for the cost of childcare for families that are residents of Rhode Island.

GrantWatch- Disability Grants information about available government and foundation grants.

Heating System Repair and Replacement Program (HSRRP) can provide a one-time service to increase the efficiency of household heating systems to eligible individuals.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps eligible low-income households pay their heating bills through federal grants through the Heating Assistance grant or the Crisis Assistance grant.

Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) offers a special Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program that allows qualifying low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities to travel free for two years.

Rhode Island Works is a financial employment assistance program for parents and families with low-income who have children high school age or younger.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offers aid to eligible low-income families and individuals to ensure these families are able to obtain a nutritious diet.

The General Public Assistance (GPA) program provides time-limited cash assistance to adults 18 to 64 years of age who have very limited income and resources and an illness or medical condition that keeps them from working while awaiting SSI determination.

The Rhode to Home is also known as Money Follows the Person and provides support to help eligible individuals transition from an institutional setting to home and community-based settings.

The Sherlock Plan is a Medicaid Buy-In Program for adults with disabilities that provides comprehensive health coverage to enable individuals with disabilities maintain employment.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) helps income-eligible household reduce heating bills by providing whole house energy efficiency services to households that qualify for LIHEAP.

Healthcare

Medicare and Medicaid are federal health insurance programs for retirees age 65 or older and people with disabilities.

Clínica Esperanza provides linguistically appropriate, culturally attuned medical care to uninsured adults living in Rhode Island.

HealthSource RI connects Rhode Islanders to a range of health insurance options and allows users to compare coverage options.

Medicaid – Rhode Island Medical Assistance Program provides free or low-cost health coverage to eligible needy persons.

Medicare Rights Center is a national, nonprofit consumer service organization that works to ensure access to affordable health care for older adults and people with disabilities through counseling and advocacy, educational programs, and public policy initiatives.

Neighborhood INTEGRITY of Rhode Island administers the Medicaid and Medicare programs in Rhode Island.

Rhode Island Free Clinic provides free, comprehensive medical care and preventative health services to adults without insurance or who cannot afford health services.

St. Joseph Health Center provides vaccinations to children without doctors and who are uninsured.

Legal Advocacy

Advocates in Action RI is a statewide self-advocacy organization that empowers people with developmental disabilities to advocate

for themselves and others, and educates people about their options and available resources.

Disability Rights Laws is a guide from the ADA that provides information and resources to ensure equal opportunity for people with disabilities.

Disability Rights Rhode Island is the protection and advocacy (P&A) system for the state of Rhode Island to help secure and advance the rights of people with disabilities.

National Health Law Program includes detailed information about federal health policy, especially Medicaid and Medicare.

Rhode Island Legal Services provides high quality legal assistance and representation to low-income individuals and eligible client groups.

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) is the United States' national self-advocacy organization that works to ensure that people with disabilities are treated as equals and are given the same decision-making opportunities.

Treatment and Rehabilitation

Kent Hospital Spaulding Rehabilitation Services leads clients to the greatest degree of function possible and treats people with a variety of conditions including neurological conditions and brain injuries.

Lifespan Children's Rehabilitation Services provides services to a variety of conditions including neurological conditions and brain injuries.

Sargent Rehabilitation Center Brain Injury Program offers intensive care that people with brain injuries need after leaving the hospital.

Non-Profit Resources

AccessPoint RI empowers people with different abilities to live with dignity, respect, equality, and choice throughout their lives.

Arc of Rhode Island enhances the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. They fulfill this through advocacy for community supports and services that foster social inclusion, self-determination, and equity across all aspects of society.

Art Enables is an art gallery and vocational arts program dedicated to creating opportunities for artists with disabilities to make, market, and earn income from their original and compelling artwork.

Best Buddies of Rhode Island is an organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employments. They also arrange e-Buddies for individuals.

Brain Injury Support groups in Rhode Island provides a listing of available support groups in Rhode Island for individuals with brain injury with slightly different focuses.

Casey's Circle A nonprofit dedicated to helping families of children with special needs find ways for their kids to be kids first - patients later. This is done by providing tools, education, resources, and opportunities to help improve the quality of life or medically complex children, their families, and their providers, while also strengthening their circle of care.

Cerebral Palsy Group General information on CP as well as support resources.

Cerebral Palsy Guidance General information on CP as well as financial assistance resources.

Cherished Creations fulfills dream requests for children with serious illnesses.

Child and Family Rhode Island provides programs, information, and services to support and promote the safety and health of children and families.

Children's Wish Foundation International Grants for wishes for children under 18 who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition.

Chive Charities Funding for rare medical conditions, veterans with medical-related needs, first responders & emergency assistance organizations & underfunded special needs education initiatives.

City Arts! Provides a free after school arts program for children in Providence, RI.

Clayton Dabney Foundation for Kids with Cancer Last wishes, gifts, special events, family travel & financial assistance for families with children in the last stages of terminal cancer.

Different Needz Grants for people with developmental disabilities for equipment and medical services. Grant applications become available in January.

Do It For The Love Grants live concert wishes for people with life-threatening illnesses, children with severe challenges & wounded veterans.

Dream Foundation Volunteer-driven wish-granting organization that serves children

ages 3-18 who have a critical or chronic illness.

Easter Seals offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges from child development centers to physical rehabilitation and job training for people with disabilities.

Easterseals Rhode Island provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunity to live, learn, work, and play in their community.

Family Service of Rhode Island (FSRI) is a non-profit social service organization that manages and provides essential resources for underserved individuals, families, and communities.

First Hand Foundation Financial Assistance.

Fund It Forward For anyone with a diagnosed disability or medical condition in need of medical devices or equipment.

Granted Wish Foundation Sports/Athlete specific wishes for people with a physical disability age 5-25.

iHOPE - The International Academy of Hope is a highly specialized brain injury school in New York City funded by the Sarah Jane Brain Foundation (SJBFB). The mission of SJBFB is to change the world for children, youth and young adults who suffer from brain injury and other brain-based disorders by improving services, training and research in this country and beyond.

Make A Wish Foundation grants the wish of a child diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition in the United States and its territories.

Mclindon Family Foundation Gives adaptive bikes to children with disabilities.

Modest Needs Short term critical-need financial assistance for those who do not qualify for traditional assistance because of income level.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Rhode Island serves resident across the state with free mental health support, online groups, resources, and education.

National AMBUCS, Inc. is creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities by therapeutic tricycles to individuals unable to operate a traditional bike, awarding academic scholarships for therapists, and performing various other forms of community service.

National MS Society Resources, support, and programs for those living with multiple sclerosis.

National Organization for Vehicle Accessibility small grants to help complete accessible van purchases after other funding has been secured.

National Patient Travel HELPLINE Provides assistance and referral to the best source of charitable medical air transportation help.

New England Adaptive Sport Organizations provides a list of organizations that offer adaptive sport opportunities for New England youth and young adults with visual or mobility impairments.

Parent Support Network of Rhode Island is a group of parents, family members, and more who are dedicated to connecting and empowering others through support, education, and advocacy.

Ragan's Hope helps parents of children with catastrophic injuries by providing financial, emotional, and spiritual support, in the name of Christ.

Ray Tye Medical Aid Foundation Grants for in-hospital life-saving treatments and surgeries for those who do not have medical insurance.

RxAssist Provides information on financial support organizations that help with the cost of prescriptions.

Sail To Prevail is a nonprofit that seeks to improve the lives of children and adults with disabilities through participation in adapted sailing.

Sibling Support Project is a national program dedicated to the life-long and ever-changing concerns of millions of brothers and sisters of people with special health, developmental, and mental health concerns.

Single Mothers Grants provides financial assistance for utility bills, childcare, college, medical bills, medications, rent assistance, buying a home and more.

Special Olympics Rhode Island provides over 1,600 year-round sports training and athletic competition opportunities to children and adults with disabilities.

The Determined Parents Foundation grants money for things like co-pays, deductibles and items insurance only partially covers or does not cover at all.

The Special Needs Alliance helps individuals with disabilities, their families and the professionals who serve them.

The Sunshine Foundation Grants special dreams to children, ages 3-18, who are chronically or seriously ill, physically challenged or have been abused.

United Ability is a non-profit that provides innovative services connecting people with disabilities to their communities and empowering individuals to live full and meaningful lives; particularly through

building skills, education, and employment opportunities.

United Cerebral Palsy - Adaptive Arts Program offers adaptive art classes to adults with disabilities in drawing, painting, and other art forms.

UnitedHealthCare Children's Foundation - Family Grants -UHCCF grants provide financial help/ assistance for families with children that have medical needs not covered or not fully covered by their commercial health insurance plan.

Wheelchairs 4 Kids Wheelchairs, home & vehicle modifications, and devices for children with limited mobility.