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State Resource Guide

Rhode Island

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State Agencies and Organizations

United States Senators

Please see <http://www.mda.org/get-involved/advocacy/resources/government>

Official State Web Site

<http://www.ri.gov>

State Department of Education: Special Education

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Special Populations

Call Center Phone: (401) 222-8999

Main Office Phone: (401) 222-3505

Fax: (401) 222-6030

Website: http://www.ride.ri.gov/Special_Populations/Default.aspx

Address: 255 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903

State Coordinator for No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Educator Quality and Certification

Phone: (401) 222-4600

Website: <http://www.ride.ri.gov/EducatorQuality/HighlyQualified.aspx>

Address: 255 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903

Programs for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities: Infant/Toddler

Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Center for Child and Family Health

Early Intervention Program

Phone: (401) 462-2501

Fax: (401) 462-6353

DHS Info Line: (401) 462-5300

Website: http://www.dhs.ri.gov/dhs/famchild/early_intervention.htm

Address: 600 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920

Programs for Children with Disabilities: Early Childhood

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Special Populations

Early Childhood Education Services

Call Center Phone: (401) 222-8999

Main Office Phone: (401) 222-3505

Fax: (401) 222-6030

Website: http://www.ride.ri.gov/Special_Populations/earlychild

Address: 255 Westminster Street

Providence, RI 02903

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Office of Rehabilitation Services

Phone: (401) 421-7005

TDD: (401) 421-7016

Spanish Line: (401) 272-8090

Fax: (401) 222-3574

Website: <http://www.ors.state.ri.us/copied/VRLinks.htm>

Address: 40 Fountain Street

Providence, RI 02903

Rehabilitation Services Administration

Rhode Island State Liaison

Phone: (202) 245-6775

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/rsa/index.html>

Address: 400 Maryland Ave, S.W.

Washington, DC 20202-2800

Job Accommodation Network (U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy)

Phone: (800) 526-7234 (V) or (877) 781-9403 (TTY)

Website: <http://www.jan.wvu.edu/>

Coordinator for Transition Services

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Special Populations, Transition Services

Call Center Phone: (401) 222-8999

Main Office Phone: (401) 222-3505

Fax: (401) 222-6030

Website:

http://www.ride.ri.gov/Special_Populations/Programs_Services/Secondary_Transition/Secondary%20Transition%20Services.aspx

Address: 255 Westminster Street

Providence, RI 02903

Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Office of Rehabilitation Services

Phone: (401) 421-7005

TDD: (401) 421-7016

Spanish: (401) 272-8090

Fax: (401) 222-3574

Website: <http://www.ors.state.ri.us/copied/Transition.htm>

Address: 40 Fountain Street

Providence, RI 02903

State Mental Health Representative

The Rhode Island Department of Mental Health, Retardation, and Hospitals, Mental Health Services

Phone: (401) 462-3291
Fax: (401) 462-1564
Website: <http://www.mhrh.ri.gov/MH>
Address: 14 Harrington Road
Cranston, RI 02920

National Alliance on Mental Illness of Rhode Island

Phone: (401) 331-3060
Toll free: (800) 749-3197
Fax: (401) 274-3020
Website: <http://www.namirhodeisland.org>
Address: 154 Waterman Street
Unit 5B Lower Level
Providence, RI 02906

Programs for People with Developmental Disabilities

The Rhode Island Department of Mental Health, Retardation, and Hospitals Division of Developmental Disabilities

Phone: (401) 462-3234
Fax: (401) 462-6189
Website: <http://www.mhrh.ri.gov/ddd>
Address: 14 Harrington Road
Cranston, RI 02920

Councils on Developmental Disabilities

The Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council

Phone: (401) 737-1238 (Voice/TDD)
Fax: (401) 737-3395
Email: riddc@riddc.org
Website: <http://www.riddc.org>
Address: 400 Bald Hill Road, Suite 515
Warwick, RI 02886

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Rhode Island Disability Law Center

Phone: (401) 831-3150
Toll free: (800) 733-5332
TTY: (401) 831-5335
Fax: (401) 274-5568
Email: info@ridlc.org
Website: <http://www.ridlc.org>
Address: 275 Westminster Street, Suite 401
Providence, RI 02903-3434

Client Assistance Program

Rhode Island Disability Law Center

Phone: (401) 831-3150
Toll free: (800) 733-5332
TTY: (401) 831-5335
Fax: (401) 274-5568
Email: info@ridlc.org
Website: <http://www.ridlc.org>
Address: 275 Westminster Street, Suite 401
Providence, RI 02903-3434

Programs for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Rhode Island Department of Health, Office of Special Healthcare Needs

Phone: (401) 222-5929
Health Information Line: (800) 942-7434
Fax: (401) 222-1442
Website: <http://www.health.state.ri.us/family/specialneeds/index.php>
Address: 3 Capitol Hill, Room 302
Providence, RI 02908

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income uninsured children)

Rite Care

Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Phone: (401) 462-5300 (English/Spanish)
TTY: (401) 462-3363
Website: <http://www.dhs.state.ri.us/dhs/famchild/shcare.htm>

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or with Speech Impairments

TTY: (800) 548-2546
Phone: (800) 548-2547
For national relay services, please visit <http://www.deafzone.com/relay/>.

Regional ADA Technical Assistance Center

National Network of ADA Centers

Phone: (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

DBTAC – New England ADA Center

Phone: (617) 695-1225 (Voice/TTY)
Toll free: (800) 949-4232 (Voice/TTY)
Fax: (617) 482-8099
Email: ADAinfo@NewEnglandADA.org
Web Site: www.NewEnglandADA.org
Address: 180-200 Portland Street, Suite 1
Boston, MA 02114

University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities at Rhode Island College

Phone: (401) 456-8072

TDD: (401) 456-8773

Fax: (401) 456-8150

Website: <http://www.ric.edu/uap/index.html>

Address: 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02908-1991

Technology-Related Assistance

The Rhode Island Assistive Technology Access Partnership

Phone: (401) 421-7005

TDD: (401) 421-7016

Fax: (401) 222-3574

Spanish: (401) 272-8090

ATAP Information & Referral: (800) 916-8324

Website: <http://www.atap.state.ri.us>

Address: 40 Fountain Street
Providence, RI 02903

State Mediation System

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Special Populations

Dispute Resolution and Mediation Services

Call Center Phone: (401) 222-8999

Main Office Phone: (401) 222-3505

Fax: (401) 222-6030

Website: http://www.ride.ri.gov/Special_Populations/Dispute_resolution

Address: 255 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903

Special Format Library

Talking Books Plus

Phone: (401) 574-9310

TTY: 711 then ask for the number above

Fax: (401) 574-9320

Email: tbplus@olis.ri.gov

Website: <http://www.olis.ri.gov/tbp/>

Address: One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5803

State Department on Aging

State of Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs

Phone: (401) 462-3000

Customer Information Referral and Assistance Center: (401) 462-4000

Website: <http://www.dea.state.ri.us>

Address: Hazard Building #74, West Road
Cranston, RI 02920

State Medicare and Medicaid

Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Medical Assistance Program

Phone: (401) 462-2423

Website: <http://www.dhs.state.ri.us/dhs/adults/dmadult.htm>

Address: Louis Pasteur Building
600 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920

Medicare

Phone: (800) MEDICARE

Website: www.medicare.gov

Address: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

Social Security Administration

Phone: (800) 772-1213

TDD service: (800) 325-0778

Website: <http://www.ssa.gov>

Visit the website above for the location and phone number of the office in your city.

Veterans Affairs

Department of Human Services, Division of Veterans Affairs

Phone: (401) 462-0350

Website: <http://www.dhs.state.ri.us/dhs/dvetaff.htm>

Address: 480 Metacom Avenue
Bristol, RI 02809

Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

The Rhode Island Parent Information Network

Phone: (401) 727-4144

Toll free: (800) 464-3399

Email: info@ripin.org

Website: <http://www.ripin.org>

Address: 175 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Other Disability-Related Resources

Easter Seals Rhode Island

Phone: (401) 437-6373

Website: http://ri.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=RIDR_homepage

Address: 245 Waterman Avenue, Suite 111
Providence, RI 02906

Community Information and Referral

United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island

Phone: 211

Website: <http://www.211ri.org/>

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

Phone: (713) 520-0232 (Voice/TTY)

Fax: (713) 520-5785

Email: ilru@ilru.org

Website: <http://www.ilru.org/index.html>

Address: 2323 S. Shepherd, Suite 1000
Houston, TX 77019

See the above website for a list of independent living centers in Rhode Island.