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](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](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](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/](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](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](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](http://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](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](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](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](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.