



Rhode Island

Resource List

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NOTE: See the following publications for additional resources:

- *Immigration Issues and Resources* at:
<http://www.glad.org/uploads/docs/publications/immigration-issues-and-resources.pdf>
- *Resources for Prisoners and Ex-Offenders in New England* at:
<http://www.glad.org/uploads/docs/publications/resources-for-prisoners-and-ex-offenders-in-ne.pdf>
- *Transgender Resources* at:
<http://www.glad.org/uploads/docs/publications/trans-resources.pdf>

Civil Rights

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) - RI

The ACLU of Rhode Island is an advocacy organization dedicated to preserving and advancing civil liberties and civil rights. With the assistance of volunteer lawyers, they provide legal assistance in cases that will establish precedent on important civil liberties and civil rights principles. This most often involves the filing of “friend of the court” briefs in the cases that are already on appeal. They occasionally provide direct representation to individuals or organizations whose rights are jeopardized by government actions.

128 Dorrance Street
Suite 220
Providence, RI 02903

401- 831-7171
info@riaclu.org
www.riaclu.org

Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights

The Commission is the state's primary antidiscrimination law enforcement agency and investigates claims of discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and credit. Rhode Island law prohibits discrimination in each of these areas on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.

180 Westminster St., 3 Floor
Providence, RI 02903
Tel: 401- 222-2661
TTY: 401- 222-2664

mevora@richr.state.ri.us
www.richr.ri.gov
Contact Person: Michael D. Evora,
Exec. Dir.

Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General

The Attorney General of Rhode Island is the lawyer and advocate for the people of Rhode Island. Whether prosecuting a criminal case, defending the state in a civil forum, representing the public in a regulatory function, or serving as advisor, the Department must exert every effort to serve justice and the public interest within the confines of our adversary system. All employees will discharge the privilege and honor of public service in this Department by: upholding the Constitution and laws of the United States and of Rhode Island; treating all persons with dignity, respect and fairness; serving the people of this State with excellence and integrity; and protecting the public interest and safety.

150 South Main St.
Providence, RI 02903
401-274-4400

tpalombo@riag.ri.gov
www.riag.ri.gov

General Legal Services

Rhode Island Legal Services

Provides legal advice, representation, investigation, negotiation, and litigation in family matters, housing, employment, government benefits and consumer disputes to low-income people

56 Pine Street
4th Floor
Providence, RI 02903
401-274-2652, Toll-Free 1-800-662-5034
www.rils.org

Newport Office
50 Washington Square
Newport, RI 02840
401-846-2264, Toll-Free 1-800-637-4529
www.rils.org

Rhode Island Bar Association - Lawyer Referral Service and Reduced Fee Program

Provides lawyer referrals to low-income people in Rhode Island for a reduced fee (\$25). The lawyers to whom they refer people agree to meet with potential clients for a half-hour for free. Online Referral Form:

<https://www.ribar.com/LRS/Referral.aspx>

115 Cedar Street
Providence, RI 02903

401-421-5740
info@ribar.com

Rhode Island Center for Law and Public Policy

Provides access to legal services to low-income Rhode Islanders, non-profit agencies, and for-profit small businesses. RICLAPP also works to develop public policy initiatives for the betterment of all Rhode Islanders.

3288 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
401-921-5988
info@riclapp.org
www.riclapp.org

HIV/AIDS

AIDS Project Rhode Island

The Project provides free HIV tests every Tuesday from 4:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M. and on an appointment and walk-in basis. For HIV+ Rhode Island residents with income beneath 400% of the Federal Poverty Level, the Project also administers Ryan White Title II funded services which include nutritional support, financial assistance, dental care and client case management.

404 Wickenden St.
Providence, RI 02906
401-831-5522
General Info:
info@aidsprojectri.org

Information about HIV Testing:
401-207-8377
HIV Testing:
takecharge@aidsprojectri.org
www.aidsprojectri.org

AIDS Care Ocean State

Provides quality housing, case management, medical and nursing care and prevention to adults, families, adolescents and children who are affected by or at risk for HIV infection.

18 Parkis Avenue
Providence, RI 02907
401-521-3603

info@aidscaresos.org
www.aidscaresos.org

Agape Center of Family Resources Community Action

The Agape Center provides services, resources and advocacy for persons living with or affected by HIV/AIDS. It provides a drop in center where those living with HIV/AIDS can have a safe, confidential setting in which to receive support. The Drop-In Center is open three days a week, year round: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 A.M - 4:00P.M. New clients should contact Lorna Cohen at 401-235-6092 to set up an appointment for an intake. Agape also offers a Permanent Supportive Housing program that offers housing opportunities to members of the community who are homeless, low-income and living with HIV/AIDS. For information or to apply to the program contact Nicole Mahan: 401 - 235-6032 or nmahan@famresri.org.

245 Main Street

Woonsocket, RI 02895

Tel: 401-766-0900

<http://www.famresri.org/ProgramsServices/AgapeCenterHIVAIDSSupport/tabid/165/Default.aspx>

Other Health/Disability

East Bay Community Action Program

EBCAP provides a wide array of health and human services to the residents of Rhode Island's east bay including the municipalities of East Providence, Barrington, Warren, Bristol, Little Compton, Tiverton, Portsmouth, Middleton, Newport, and Jamestown.

19 Broadway

Newport, RI 02840

401-847-7821 x 302

susan.schenck@ebcap.org

www.ebcap.org

Contact Person: Susan Schenck,
Chief Operating Officer

Planned Parenthood - RI

Located at the Providence Health Center, Planned Parenthood provides services such as STD/STI testing and treatment, cancer screening and prevention, contraception, and abortion services.

111 Point Street

Providence, RI 02940

Administration: 401-421-9620 or

Clinic: 1-800-230-PLAN (7526)

Community Care Alliance - Woonsocket

The Christian L. Stepens Building branch of the Community Care Alliance, formerly the NRI Community services, provides services such as HIV counseling, substance abuse counseling, and violence prevention. Also at this location is a Wellness and Recovery Center that hosts over 30 groups on a weekly basis.

55 John Cummings Way

Woonsocket, RI 02895-3330

401- 235-7000 or (emergency services) 401- 235-7120

www.nricommunityservices.org

Samaritans – Providence, Rhode Island

Suicide Prevention Hotline open 24 hours/ 7 days a week that serves Rhode Island. Also runs “Safe Place,” a peer to peer support group for adults grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. This talk takes place each Tuesday evening from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the First Unitarian Church Community Center, 1 Benevolent Street, Providence RI.

P.O. Box 9086

Providence, RI 02940

Hotline: 401-272-4044

Toll Free: 800-365-4044

Business Line: 401-721-5220

info@samaritansri.necoxmail.com

www.samaritansri.org

Contact Person: Denise Panichas,
Interim Exec. Dir.

Rhode Island Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence

A Phoenix House Program, the Council operates a 24-hour alcohol and drug helpline based out of the Rhode Island area. Resources are mostly for RI although they can refer out-of-state callers to some services. They can make available to callers a number of print and video resources concerning alcohol and drug addiction. They also coordinate a Recovery Housing program, which creates and maintains sober housing. Volunteers are always welcome.

500 Prospect Street, Suite 202

Pawtucket, RI 02860

1-866-ALC-DRUG, 401-725-0410

info@ricaodd.org

www.ricaodd.org

Rhode Island 211

The 2-1-1 Hotline operates 24/7 and provides information regarding local resources, whether you need to get help for yourself, a family member or a friend.

24-Hour Hotline: 2-1-1 (toll-free)

info@uwri.org

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

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault

GLBTQ Domestic Violence Project

GLBTQ Domestic Violence Project provides free and confidential support and services for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Their services include a 24 hour domestic violence hotline through which one can obtain access to emergency safe homes, legal services, crisis intervention and safety planning, housing and employment advocacy. They also offer sexual assault case management services that can be accessed by phone Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

www.gmdvp.org

Hotline: 800-832-1901

CSDirector@glbtqdvp.org

Sexual Assault Support: 617-779-2127

SAcasemanager@glbtqdvp.org

Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The purpose of the RICADV is to eliminate domestic violence in Rhode Island. Their mission is to support and enhance the work of their member agencies, and to provide leadership on the issue of domestic violence

422 Post Rd., Suite 102

Warwick, RI 02888

401- 467-9940

24-hour Hotline: 1-800-494-8100

ricadv@ricadv.org

www.ricadv.org

Day One

Day One provides services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and other violent crimes including crisis intervention, counseling and legal advocacy.

100 Medway Street
Providence, RI 02906-4402

Hotline: 800-494-8100 /
Tel: 401-421-4100
info@dayoneri.org
www.dayoneri.org

Sojourner House

Sojourner House is an advocacy and resource center for victims of domestic violence in Rhode Island. The resource center is open 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday for drop-in services. Sojourner House also operates a Safe House which serves as immediate, safe, temporary housing for abused women and their children. They also offer rapid HIV testing every second Tuesday of the month at their drop in center from 9-5.

386 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02908

Helpline: 401-765-3232
Tel: 401-861-6191
www.sojournerri.org

Rhode Island Victims of Crime Helpline

Provides support for victims of crime, along with a coalition of other Domestic Violence related organizations. Resources are available in Spanish.

61 Main Street

Wakefield , RI 02879

24-Hour Toll Free Helpline: 800-494-8100, 866-782-3990

<http://www.ricadv.org/voch/domestic-violence.html>

Rhode Island Attorney General's Office Victim Services

The primary goals of this program are to assist crime victims by reducing the trauma they have suffered, to help make their contact with the criminal justice system a more palatable experience, and to aid in their recovery from the crime. These goals are achieved through objectives which are designed to provide the following services: information, support, & referral, etc.

150 South Main Street
Providence, RI 02903
401- 274-4400

www.riag.org, www.hatecrimeri.org,
<https://www.infacts.doc.ri.gov/vapv3/welcome.do> (Victim Assistance Portal)

Youth/Schools

Youth Pride, Inc.

Provides support for LGBT youth and their families through support groups, counseling, education, and social events. They also have a drop in center for young people, ages 13-23, that is open Tuesday – Friday 2-8pm at the address below.

743 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903

401-421-5626
info@youthprideri.org
www.youthprideri.org

PFLAG

Supports LGBT people, their families, and friends locally and nationally by providing PFLAG chapter helplines, support group meetings, and resources. PFLAG also educates families and communities on sexual orientation, gender identity, and LGBT issues. Local PFLAG chapters educate their communities through a variety of projects, while PFLAG National continues to provide fair and accurate information about LGBT people, their loved ones, and the unique challenges they face. PFLAG advocates for equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people on local, federal, and national levels. These are the Rhode Island Chapters:

Greater Providence
401-751-7571
pflagprovidence@gmail.com
www.pflagprovidence.org/index.htm

Immigration

Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island

Offers a wide range of services to the community including Immigration and Citizenship services, refugee Resettlement, the Clothing Collaborative, and Interpreting and Translating services. Immigration and Citizenship services represents clients before immigration and refers callers to immigration lawyers. The institute also provides education in English and citizenship preparation.

645 Elmwood Ave
Providence, RI 02907
401- 461-5940
info@diiri.org
<http://www.diiri.org>

Transgender

TGI Network of Rhode Island

Serves the needs of the transgender, gender-variant, and intersex (TGI) communities in Rhode Island and surrounding areas through support, advocacy, and education. Seeks to be a resource for TGI people.

PO Box 40365
Providence, RI 02940
401-441-5058 (voicemail)
info@tginetwork.org

Support Services

Crossroads Rhode Island (Formerly Travelers Aid of RI)

Provides care to homeless families, women, and men in Rhode Island. Their outreach includes Crisis Intervention and Case Management, Shelter and Housing, Education and Vocational Services, and Health and Dental care.

160 Broad Street

Providence, RI 02903

401- 521-2255

information@crossroadsri.org

www.crossroadsri.org

Through strategic litigation, public policy advocacy, and education, GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders works in New England and nationally to create a just society free of discrimination based on gender identity, HIV status, and sexual orientation.

GLAD Answers and publications are provided *free of charge* to all who need them. We hope that those who are able will make a contribution to ensure that GLAD can continue the fight for equal justice under the law.

To make a tax-deductible contribution, visit our website at www.glad.org, or call us at (800) 455-GLAD (4523) with your credit card, or mail your check, payable to GLAD to 30 Winter Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02108. If your workplace has a matching gift program, please be sure to have your donation matched. Please contact us if you would like more information on becoming a GLAD partner.

Thank You!



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