



# Rhode Island Disability Resources

## Affordable Care Act (ACA)

To get coverage under the ACA, go to <https://www.healthcare.gov/> to find out more about the Health Insurance Marketplace and the options available in your state.

## Aging Resources

### Aging and Disability Resource Centers/ No Wrong Door

<https://www.n4a.org/adrcs>

<https://www.acl.gov/node/413>

Call Eldercare Locator Toll-free 1-800-677-1116 to find the ADRC in your area.

The No Wrong Door (NWD) System initiative is a collaborative effort of the ACL, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). The NWD System initiative builds upon the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) program and CMS' Balancing Incentive Program No Wrong Door requirements that support state efforts to streamline access to long-term services and support (LTSS) options for older adults and individuals with disabilities. NWD Systems simplify access to LTSS and are a key component of LTSS systems reform.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center Program (ADRC) is a collaborative effort of the U.S. Administration for Community Living (<http://www.hhs.gov/acl/index.html>) (including AoA (<http://www.aoa.gov/>) as of April 2012) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/>). ADRCs serve as single points of entry into the long-term supports and services system for older adults and people with disabilities. Sometimes referred to as a "one-stop shops" or "no wrong door" systems, ADRCs address many of the frustrations consumers and their families experience when trying to find needed information, services, and supports. Through integration or coordination of existing aging and disability service systems, ADRC programs raise visibility about the full range of options that are available, provide objective information, advice, counseling and assistance, empower people to make informed decisions about their long term

supports, and help people more easily access public and private long term supports and services programs.. Click on your state to find state and local ADRCs.

The core functions of an ADRC are 1) information, referral, and awareness, 2) options counseling, advice and assistance, 3) streamlined eligibility determination for public programs, 4) person-centered transitions, 5) quality assurance and continuous improvement. ADRCs perform these functions by integrating, coordinating, and strengthening different pieces of the existing long term supports and services systems, including Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, state and local Medicaid offices, and other community-based organizations.

### **Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging**

<https://oha.ri.gov/>

25 Howard Ave, Building 57  
Cranston, RI 02920  
Phone: 401-462-3000  
TTY: 401-462-0740

### **National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA)**

<https://ncea.acl.gov/>

c/o University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine  
Department of Family Medicine and Geriatrics  
1000 South Fremont Avenue, Unit 22, Building A-6  
Alhambra, CA 91803  
Phone: 1-855-500-3537  
Email: [ncea-info@aoa.hhs.gov](mailto:ncea-info@aoa.hhs.gov)

Funded by the Administration for Community Living, the NCEA disseminates elder abuse information to professionals and the public and provides technical assistance and training to states and to community-based organizations.

## **Arts And Creativity**

### **VS Arts Rhode Island Organization**

<http://www.vsartsri.org/>

Phone: 318-634-5413  
Email: [hi@vsartsri.org](mailto:hi@vsartsri.org)

## **Assistive Technology**

### **Rhode Island's Assistive Technology Access Partnership**

<http://www.atap.ri.gov/>

Office of Rehabilitation Services  
40 Fountain Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: 401-332-9018, 401-421-7005  
Email: [melanie.sbardella@ors.ri.gov](mailto:melanie.sbardella@ors.ri.gov)

### **New England ADA Center (covers Rhode Island)**

<http://www.newenglandada.org>

Adaptive Environments Center, Inc.

180-200 Portland St., Suite 1

Boston, MA 02114

Phone: 617-695-0085

Toll Free: 800-949-4232

Email: [adainfo@newenglandada.org](mailto:adainfo@newenglandada.org)

### **State of Rhode Island—Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan Program**

<http://www.atel.ri.gov/>

Office of Rehabilitation Services

40 Fountain St.

Providence, RI 02903

Phone: 401-486-3325 Denise Corson, 401-421-7005

Email: [denise.corson@ors.ri.gov](mailto:denise.corson@ors.ri.gov)

The Rhode Island Telephone Equipment Loan Program (ATEL) provides demonstrations, training and long-term loan and device reutilization services of specialized telephone equipment to qualified individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, have a speech impairment, or who suffer from neuromuscular damage or disease, that hinders them from using a standard telephone. Please see the website for more info on qualifying.

### **Caregivers Information**

#### **Caregiver.com**

<https://caregiver.com/>

3920 Riverland Road

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Phone: (954) 893-0550, 1-800-829-2734

Email: [info@caregiver.com](mailto:info@caregiver.com)

### **Community-Based Fitness Programs**

The Reeve Foundation has several Community Fitness and Wellness facilities that are part of its NeuroRecovery Network (NRN) program. These facilities are accepting individuals with walking difficulties related to any cause (not just SCI) and are hosting activity-based exercise programs designed specifically for individuals with physical disabilities. There is not one in this state but if you would like to learn more about the program, please go to [www.ChristopherReeve.org/NRN](http://www.ChristopherReeve.org/NRN).

### **Community Health Centers**

#### **Rhode Island Health Center Association**

[www.rihca.org](http://www.rihca.org)

235 Promenade Street, Suite 455

Providence, RI 02908

Phone: 401-274-1771

Email: [info@rihca.org](mailto:info@rihca.org)

Community Health Centers are non-profit organizations providing health care to those with insurance and without. All sites offer primary care and many offer specialty care as well. There is no residency requirement; individuals can receive services at any facility of their choosing, with over 1,200 health centers in 8,000 rural and urban communities across the nation. Sliding-scale fees based on family size, income, and insurance status ensure that anyone who uses a Community Health Center can receive quality care regulated by federal standards. Please call the state association listed above to find a Community Health Center in your local area.

### **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): Find a Health Center**

<http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>

HRSA Health Centers care for you, even if you have no health insurance – you pay what you can afford based on your income. Health centers provide services that include checkups when you are well, treatment when you are sick, complete care when you are pregnant, and immunizations and checkups for your children. Some health centers also provide mental health, substance abuse, oral health, and/or vision services. Contact the health center organization directly to confirm the availability of specific services and to make an appointment.

### **Crime Victim Assistance**

#### **Rhode Island Crime Victim Compensation Program**

<https://cvcapp.treasury.ri.gov/>

50 Service Ave

Warwick, RI 02886

Phone: 401-462-7655

#### **Safe Horizon's Links for General Crime Victim Resources/Issues**

<http://www.safehorizon.org>

### **Domestic Violence Help**

**National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or TTY: 1-800-787-3224

**National Resource Center on Domestic Violence:** 800-537-2238

**Statewide Hotline:** 1-800-494-8100

#### **Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

<http://www.ricadv.org/>

422 Post Road Suite 102

Warwick, RI 02888-1539

Phone: 401-467-9940

Toll-free 24-hour line: 800-494-8100

Email: [ricadv@ricadv.org](mailto:ricadv@ricadv.org)

### **Easter Seals Offices**

#### **Easter Seals Office Rhode Island**

<http://www.easterseals.com/site/PageServer>

150 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Phone: 401-353-0220, 401-284-1000

Easter Seals offers services to children and adults with disabilities and special needs. The programs Easter Seals offers include autism, children's, adult and senior specific services, employment & training, medical rehabilitation, as well as camping & recreation opportunities. Services may vary by location.

## **Government Offices**

### **Rhode Island State Website**

<http://www.ri.gov/index.php>

### **Rhode Island Department of Human Services**

<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/>

P.O. Box 8709

Cranston, RI 02920-8787

Phone: 1-855-697-4347, 1-800-745-6575

### **Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights**

<http://www.richr.ri.gov/>

180 Westminster Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Providence, RI 02903

Phone: 401-222-2661

TTY: 401-222-2664

Email: [RICHR.Info@richr.ri.gov](mailto:RICHR.Info@richr.ri.gov)

The Commission enforces the Rhode Island antidiscrimination laws in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, credit and delivery of services.

<http://www.ors.ri.gov/>

### **Office of Rehabilitation Services (Vocational Rehabilitation)**

40 Fountain Street

Providence, RI 02903

Phone: 401-421-7005

Spanish: 401-462-7791

### **Rhode Island: Executive Office of Health & Human Services**

#### **Medicaid**

<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Consumer/ConsumerInformation/Healthcare/HealthcareOverview.aspx>

3 West Road

Cranston, RI 02920

Phone: 401-462-5274

### **Rhode Island SCHIP Program (Rite Care)**

<http://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1612>

<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Consumer/FamilieswithChildren/HealthcarePrograms.aspx>

401 Wampanoag Trail

East Providence, RI 02915

Phone: 401-462-5300

RIte Care is Rhode Island's Medicaid managed care program for families on the RI Works Program and eligible uninsured pregnant women, children, and parents.

### **Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging**

<http://www.oha.ri.gov/>

25 Howard Ave, Building 57

Cranston, RI 02920

Phone: 401-462-3000

TTY: 401-462-0740

### **Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner**

<http://www.ohic.ri.gov/>

1511 Pontiac Ave Bldg 69, First Floor

Cranston, RI 02920

Phone: 401- 462-9517

Consumer Assistance: 855-747-3224

Email: [OHIC.HealthInsInq@ohic.ri.gov](mailto:OHIC.HealthInsInq@ohic.ri.gov)

### **Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Workers Compensation**

<http://www.dlt.ri.gov/wc/>

1511 Pontiac Avenue Building

Cranston, RI 02920

Phone: 401-462-8100

Spanish: 401-462-8555

Email: [dlt.wcclaimsanalyst@dlt.ri.gov](mailto:dlt.wcclaimsanalyst@dlt.ri.gov)

Find your **elected officials** to contact them on legislation that is important to you. Each member of Congress maintains at least one office in his or her home state or district. Most have multiple offices throughout the state or district. These offices are designed for direct contact with constituents (that's you!). This is your opportunity to advocate and make your voice heard in Congress without traveling to Washington, DC. Congressional offices are also a great resource for handling problems with federal agencies. You have a constitutionally guaranteed right to petition your government, and home offices provide you an opportunity to use that right.

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

<http://whoismyrepresentative.com/>

### **State LTC Ombudsman**

<http://www.oha.ri.gov/what-we-do/protect/ltco/>

Office of Healthy Aging

25 Howard Ave, Building 57

Cranston, RI 02920

Phone: 401-785-3340

Toll Free: 1-888-351-0808

The mission of the state long-term care ombudsman is to protect the health, safety, welfare and rights of the elderly in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other facilities.

## Housing

### Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

451 7th Street, S.W.

Washington, DC 20410

Phone: 202-708-1112

TTY: 202-708-1455

HUD is the government office which offers information on public housing, buying a home, renting, discrimination, FEMA related housing, and more. HUD also provides a list of housing counselors as well as information on ways to avoid foreclosure. To find your local HUD office, please click on the "State Info" tab across the top bar, then click on your state, then click on "contact my local office". If you want info on public housing, click here: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/pha/contacts](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts) and choose your state from the drop down box.

### 211

[www.211.org](http://www.211.org)

Email: [211@uww.unitedway.org](mailto:211@uww.unitedway.org)

211 can help people find emergency shelters for individuals and families in crisis. Learn about programs that offer rental assistance, subsidized housing, and housing vouchers that can help families, the elderly and disabled individuals pay for housing.

## Independent Living

### ILRU: State Independent Living Councils (SILCs)

#### Rhode Island Independent Living Council

<http://www.ilru.org/projects/silc-net/silc-directory>

<http://www.risilc.org/>

41 Cherry Dale Ct.

Cranston, RI 02920

Phone: 401-462-0584

Email: [margaret.molloy@osil.org](mailto:margaret.molloy@osil.org) (Margaret Molloy SILC Chair)

### Independent Living Research Utilization's directory of Independent Living Centers

<http://www.ilru.org>

### National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)

<http://www.ncil.org/>

Physical Address:

2013 H St. NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

Washington, DC 20006

Mailing Address:  
PO Box 31260  
Washington, DC 20030  
Phone: 202-207-0334  
Toll-free: 1-844-778-7961  
Email: [ncil@ncil.org](mailto:ncil@ncil.org)

The National Council on Independent Living is the longest-running national cross-disability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities. Founded in 1982, NCIL represents thousands of organizations and individuals including: individuals with disabilities, Centers for Independent Living (CILs), Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs), and other organizations that advocate for the human and civil rights of people with disabilities throughout the United States.

### **Library Services**

#### **Rhode Island Regional Library: Talking Books Library for the Blind and Print Disabled**

<https://olis.ri.gov/tbl/>  
Office of Library and Information Services  
One Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI 02908  
Phone: 401-574-9310, 401-574-9300  
Email: [Neshmayda.Calderon@olis.ri.gov](mailto:Neshmayda.Calderon@olis.ri.gov)

### **NeuroRecovery Network (NRN)**

The NRN is a network of rehab programs designed to provide locomotor (treadmill) training to promote functional recovery and improve the health and quality of life for people living with paralysis. The program is for people with spinal cord injuries. The NRN is a program of the Reeve Foundation. There is no NRN center in this state but if you are interested in finding one outside of this state, please go to [www.ChristopherReeve.org/NRN](http://www.ChristopherReeve.org/NRN).

### **Peer Support Programs**

#### **Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation's Peer & Family Support Program (PFSP)**

[www.ChristopherReeve.org/Peer](http://www.ChristopherReeve.org/Peer)  
636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A  
Short Hills, NJ 07078  
Phone: 800-539-7309  
Email: [Peer@ChristopherReeve.org](mailto:Peer@ChristopherReeve.org)

The Peer & Family Support Program (PFSP) is the Reeve Foundation's national peer-to-peer mentoring program. The goal of PFSP is to provide critical emotional support, as well as, local and national information and resources to people living with paralysis, and their families and caregivers. When possible, the program matches people with paralysis with certified peer mentors who are of similar age, location, gender, and level of injury or type of paralyzing condition. The Reeve Foundation's Quality of Life Grants program



gives out grants to peer support groups (amongst other groups) that are associated with a non-profit organization. If you represent a non-profit organization looking for a Quality of Life grant, please see: [www.ChristopherReeve.org/go](http://www.ChristopherReeve.org/go) for more info on qualifying and applying.

## **Protection and Advocacy**

### **Disability Rights Rhode Island**

<https://drri.org/>

33 Broad Street

Suite 601

Providence, RI 02903

Phone: 401-831-3150

Toll-free: 800-733-5332

Email: [info@drri.org](mailto:info@drri.org)

## **Sports And Recreation**

### **Sail to Prevail**

<https://sailtoprevail.org/>

Docks:

60 Fort Adams Drive

Fort Adams State Park

Newport, RI 02840

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 1264

Newport, RI 02840

Phone: 401-849-8898

Promotes adaptive sailing for those with SCI.

### **Greater Providence YMCA- Providence Youth Services**

<https://www.ymcagreaterprovidence.org/>

21 Peace St, 6th Floor

Providence, RI 02907

Phone: 401-456-0604

The mission of the YMCA of Greater Providence is to build healthy spirit, mind and body for all, through programs, services and relationships that are based upon our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

### **Adaptive Sports New England**

<http://adaptivesportsne.org/>

89 South St, Suite 603

Boston, MA 02111

Phone: 617-690-9103

Email: [joe.walsh@adaptivesportsne.org](mailto:joe.walsh@adaptivesportsne.org)

Adaptive Sports New England is a Massachusetts non-profit organization dedicated to increasing participation in sports among New England youth and young adults who have visual or mobility impairments.

## **United Way Offices**

### **United Way**

[www.unitedway.org](http://www.unitedway.org)

Enter postal code for a United Way office in your area

United Way focuses on education, financial stability and health to impact the lives of millions. United Way raises awareness surrounding key issues, provides financial and one-on-one assistance to those who need it most, and promotes social and policy change that helps strengthen people and their communities.

### **National Headquarters**

701 North Fairfax Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
Phone: 703-836-7112

### **United Way of Rhode Island**

<http://www.uwri.org/>

Physical Address:

50 Valley Street  
Providence, RI 02909

Mailing Address:

Dept # 111065  
PO Box 9718  
Providence, RI 02940-9718  
Phone: 401-444-0600

Email: [info@unitedwayri.org](mailto:info@unitedwayri.org)

## **Veteran Benefits**

### **US Department of Veterans Affairs VA Hospital Locator**

<https://www.va.gov/find-locations/>

### **Providence VA Medical Center**

<http://www.providence.va.gov/>

830 Chalkstone Avenue  
Providence, RI 02908-4738  
Phone: 401-273-7100

### **New England Paralyzed Veterans of America Chapter**

[www.nepva.org](http://www.nepva.org)

New England PVA Office  
1208 VFW Parkway  
Suite 301  
West Roxbury, MA 02132

Phone: 617-942-8678  
Toll-free: 800-660-1181

## ALS

### Rhode Island Chapter of the ALS Association

<https://www.als.org/rhode-island>

2374 Post Road, Suite 103

Warwick, RI 02886-2270

Phone: 401-732-1609

Email: [info@alsari.org](mailto:info@alsari.org)

## Brain Injury

### Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island

<https://biari.org/>

1017 Waterman Ave.

East Providence, RI 02914

Phone: 401-228-3319

Email: [braininjurycenter@biari.org](mailto:braininjurycenter@biari.org)

## Cerebral Palsy

### United Cerebral Palsy of Rhode Island

[www.ucpri.org](http://www.ucpri.org)

200 Main Street Suite 210

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Phone: 401-728-1800

## Friedreich's Ataxia

### National Ataxia Foundation (NAF) National Office

<http://www.ataxia.org/>

Physical Address:

600 Hwy 169 S, Ste 1725

Minneapolis, MN 55426

Mailing Address:

PO Box 27986

Golden Valley, MN 55427

Phone: 763-553-0020

Email: [naf@ataxia.org](mailto:naf@ataxia.org)

### NAF support group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1593227784283343/>

Rhode Island Ataxia Support Group

Bristol, RI

Phone: 401-297-8627

Email: [azevedo70anabela@gmail.com](mailto:azevedo70anabela@gmail.com)

## Guillain-Barré Syndrome

### Guillain-Barré Syndrome/CIDP Foundation International

<http://gbs-cidp.org/>

375 E. Elm St. Suite 101  
Conshohocken, PA 19428  
Phone: 866-224-3301  
Please call for information in your area

## Multiple Sclerosis

### Greater New England Chapter of National Multiple Sclerosis Society

<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/rir>

101A 1<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Waltham, MA 02451  
Toll-free: 800-344-4867

### Multiple Sclerosis Association of America

<https://mymsaa.org/>

National Headquarters  
375 Kings Highway North  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034  
Phone: 800-532-7667  
Email: [MSquestions@mymsaa.org](mailto:MSquestions@mymsaa.org)

### MSAA Northeast Regional Office (Includes Rhode Island)

Washington, D.C.  
Phone: 800-532-7667 extension 144  
Email: [northeast@mymsaa.org](mailto:northeast@mymsaa.org)

## Muscular Dystrophy

### Muscular Dystrophy Association

<https://www.mda.org/>

National Headquarters  
161 N. Clark, Suite 3550  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Phone: 800-572-1717  
Email: [ResourceCenter@mdausa.org](mailto:ResourceCenter@mdausa.org)

Enter your postal code in the “Find your local MDA” section of the website for MD clinics in your area.

## Post-Polio Syndrome

### Post-Polio Health International (PHI)

<http://www.post-polio.org>

50 Crestwood Executive Center #440  
Saint Louis, MO 63126

Phone: 314-534-0475

Email: [info@post-polio.org](mailto:info@post-polio.org)

<https://post-polio.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/PDIR-2021Hsec.pdf>

Directory lists Health Professionals, Clinics, and Support Groups by state.

## **Spina Bifida**

### **Spina Bifida Association**

<http://www.spinabifidaassociation.org>

1600 Wilson Blvd, Suite 800

Arlington, VA 22209

Phone: 800-621-3141

Toll Free: 1-800-621-3141

Email: [sbaa@sbaa.org](mailto:sbaa@sbaa.org)

Please contact them for info in your area

## **Spinal Cord Injury**

### **Rhode Island Discussion Group Meeting**

<https://www.spinalcord.com/sci-support-groups/rhode-island>

Southern New England Rehab Center

3West Outpatient Gym

21 Peace St.

Providence, RI 02907

Phone: 401-456-4177

Support group for individuals with spinal cord injury in Providence, RI. Meetings held the third Wednesday every other month from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

## **Stroke**

### **American Stroke Association**

<https://www.stroke.org/>

National Center

7272 Greenville Avenue

Dallas, TX 75231

Phone: 888-478-7653

Please call them for the stroke support group in your area

## **Syringomyelia/Chiari Malformation**

### **American Syringomyelia & Chiari Alliance Project**

[www.asap.org](http://www.asap.org)

PO Box 1586

Longview, TX 75606-1586

Phone: 903-236-7079, 800-272-7282

Email: [info@ASAP.org](mailto:info@ASAP.org)

Please contact them for info in your area.

## Transverse Myelitis

### **Siegel Rare Neuroimmune Association (formerly Transverse Myelitis Assn.)**

[www.wearesrna.org](http://www.wearesrna.org)

Physical Address:

1787 Sutter Parkway

Powell, OH 43065-8806

Mailing Address:

SRNA

PO Box 826962

Philadelphia, PA 19182-6962

Phone: 855-380-3330

Please contact them for info in your area.

## General Disability Resources

### **Rhode Island Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities**

<http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com/help/ri.htm>

### **Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council**

<http://www.riddc.org/>

400 Bald Hill Road Suite 515

Warwick, RI 02886

Phone/TDD: 401-737-1238

Email: [riddc@riddc.org](mailto:riddc@riddc.org)

### **Rhode Island Chapter of the American Occupational Therapy Association (RIOTA)**

<http://www.riota.org/>

Email: [riota@riota.org](mailto:riota@riota.org)

### **Rhode Island Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association**

<http://www.riapta.com/>

RIAPTA

Liberty Square Group

4 Liberty Sq, #500

Boston, MA 02109

Phone: 857-702-9915

Email: [riapta@libertysquaregroup.com](mailto:riapta@libertysquaregroup.com)

**Healthboards.com** – message boards on health-related topics. Topics include SCI, CP, Stroke, and more.

<http://www.healthboards.com/boards/index.php>

### **First Call 2-1-1**

[www.211.org](http://www.211.org)

Phone: 211

Provides callers with information about and referrals to human services for every day needs and in times of crisis. Can offer access to the following types of services: adult day care, respite care, home health care, transportation, support groups, Medicaid/Medicare, etc. The caller is provided with phone numbers, programs and services provided, location, hours of operation, and any other relevant information for the inquiry. All calls are confidential.

### **Accessible Rhode Island**

<https://www.access-ri.org/>

155 Gansett Avenue

Cranston, RI 02910

Discusses the accessibility of cultural attractions in RI like museums, mansions, restaurants. Call 401-383-8878 for a print copy.

### **Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry**

[www.health.ri.gov/emregistry](http://www.health.ri.gov/emregistry)

3 Capitol Hill

Providence, RI 02908

Phone: 401-222-5960

After Hours Phone: 401-276-8046

The RI Dept of Health and the RI Emergency Management Agency teamed up to develop a registry to identify Rhode Islanders who may require assistance during emergencies. The special needs may include oxygen, dialysis, ventilators, respirators, pacemakers, insulin dependence, mobility impairments, visual impairments, hearing impairments, speech, cognitive, developmental or mental health disabilities. Use of a service animal may also be registered. Enrollment in the registry does not guarantee assistance but allows first responders to appropriately plan for, prepare for and respond to the needs of the community.

### **ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation**

[www.thinkfirst.org](http://www.thinkfirst.org)

1801 N. Mill Street, Suite F

Naperville, IL 60563

Phone: 630-961-1400

E-mail: [thinkfirst@thinkfirst.org](mailto:thinkfirst@thinkfirst.org)

ThinkFirst offers evidence-based injury prevention programs for students of all ages through their network of healthcare-based chapters. Health educators and people who have experienced brain or spinal cord injuries help students understand the importance of making safe choices related to vehicles, sports, violence and falls. To find chapter information in your area, please go to their website and click on the "Chapter Site" tab.

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