



RI Resource Manual
for Dads

Rhode Island Child Welfare Institute



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How this manual got its name....

As part of developing this resource manual, men participating in focus groups were invited to share their ideas regarding what should be included inside. Following the completion of the first draft, members of the Child Welfare Fatherhood Project approached one participant for his feedback.

Mr. H opened the manual, browsed through, and returned to the cover. He looked at us and said, "I don't like this name 'Fatherhood Resource Manual'. Anyone can be a father but it takes a special person to be a dad and that's who will use this manual - a Dad."

So the name changed from RI Fatherhood Resource Manual to RI Resource Manual for Dads.

Thank You and Acknowledgements

This manual is a component of the Child Welfare Fatherhood Project (CWFP) at the Rhode Island Child Welfare Institute (CWI). The CWFP gathers the voices of key constituent groups: fathers, community providers, and child welfare professionals to promote cross-system collaboration and attention to the needs of Rhode Island's Dads.

It is the CWFP's hope that this Resource Manual for Dads assists all parties in accessing resources to support Dads and their families. In addition, the CWFP recognizes this manual as an opportunity to continue to document existing fatherhood services as well as to inspire agencies to develop services where there are none.

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Section 2

Amos House

Amos House provides advocacy and direct service as well as a 3-6 month transitional program.

Contact Person: Christine Rhodes

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E-mail: crhodes@amoshouse.com

Web Address: www.amoshouse.com

Address: 415 Friendship St. Providence, RI 02907



Who are these services for?

Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers)

Non-English speaking Dads

Dads with current or past incarceration

Dads with addiction needs

Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Counseling	all services provided during the 3-6 month transitional program	all services require client to be a resident in the Men's 3-6 month transitional program
Employment Training /Job Placement		
Father-Child Activities		
Household Assistance		
Information Referral		
Legal Aid/Assistance		
Parent Education		
Support Groups		

Funding/Payment:

Free to clients/guests in the program

The Autism Project

The Autism Project provides advocacy, direct service, and information referrals.

Contact Person: Joanne G. Quinn

Phone: 401-785-2666 x1002

E-mail: joanne@theautismproject.org

Web Address: www.theautismproject.org

Address: 1516 Atwood Ave. Johnston, RI 02919



Who are these services for?

Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers)

Young Dads (under 21)

Dads whose children have special needs

Non-English Speaking Dads

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Children's Service Direct Services Social Skills Groups	check website for next date	Jill Norwood 401-785-2666 x1011
Information Referral Parent consultants	contact agency	Sue Baylis or Joeanna Cruz (who speaks English & Spanish)
Parent Education	18 hour class (9 wks) 10 hour class (5 wks) check website for next date	CEDARR staff can refer or contact Jill Norwood 401-785-2666 x1011
Support Groups	monthly meetings	Jill Norwood 401-785-2666 x1011

Funding/Payment:

Support group is free

Fund raising

Some families qualify for Katie Becket/RI Medical Assistance for direct services

Schools and families without Katie Becket may need to pay for services

Casey Family Services of Rhode Island

Casey Family Services of Rhode Island assists young fathers in improving the quality of their relationships with their child(ren). These services provide opportunities and outcomes for the child, the father, the family, and society.

Contact Person: Jose DaLomba

Phone: 401-781-3669 or 401-780-2273

E-mail: jdalomba@caseyfamilyservices.org

Web Address: www.caseyfamilyservices.org

Address: 1268 Eddy St. Providence, RI 02905



Who are these services for?

Fathers between the age of 16-24.

Preference is given to fathers who are known to DCYF or at risk for becoming involved with DCYF or Juvenile Justice.

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Counseling	ongoing	for all services - call Jose
Support Groups	ongoing	DaLomba to make request for family support service

Funding/Payment:

Funded through the Annie E. Casey Foundation

Children's Friend and Service

Children's Friend and Service provides advocacy, direct service, and information referrals.

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Who are these services for?

Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers)	Young Dads (under 21)
Dads with current or past incarceration	Dads with addiction needs
Dads whose children have special needs	Dads with mental health needs
Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement	

Anyone who is a father or father-figure in a child's life is eligible for services. Fathers do not need to have custody of their children to participate.

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Children's Services	ongoing	for all services contact the agency
Counseling	ongoing	
Custody/Visitation	ongoing	
Father-Child Activities	more in summer	
Household Assistance	call for information	
Information Referral	ongoing	
Legal Aid/Assistance	ongoing	
Parent Education	10 wks (2 hours each)	
Support Groups	weekly schedule based on school calendar	

Funding/Payment:

Services are free and are funded through a federal grant

Important program information:

While there is no employment training or job placement, this agency can:

- provide job information and support with referrals
- develop work plan goals
- assist with developing a resume
- transport to job interviews

Weekly evening support group includes:

- transportation to and from group
- a family meal and activity
- child care services during Dads' support group

Parenting classes include:

- transportation to and from class
- child care services during classes

Community Development Institute (CDI) Head Start

CDI Head Start provides advocacy, direct service, and information referrals.

Contact Person: April Brown

Phone: 401-272-1760 x216

E-mail: social3@provhs.org

Address: 99 Berkshire St. Providence, RI 02907



Who are these services for?

Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers)

Young Dads (under 21)

Dads needing translators

Non-English speaking Dads

Dads with current or past incarceration

Dads with addiction needs

Dads whose children have special needs

Dads with mental health needs

Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement

All Dads must have a child currently enrolled in Head Start in order to receive services.

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Children's Services	during school year	for all services - referrals are made within the agency or by case worker
Father-Child Activities	quarterly	
Information Referral	during school year	
Parent Education	monthly	

Funding/Payment:

State and government resources

Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP)

CCAP provides direct service and information referrals.

Contact Person: Christopher Mansfield

Phone: 401-467-9610 x111

E-mail: cmansfeild@comcap.org

Web Address: www.comcap.org

Address: 311 Doric Ave. Cranston, RI 02910



Who are these services for?

Dads with current or past incarceration	Young Dads (under 21)
Dads whose children have special needs	Dads with addiction needs
Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement	Dads with mental health needs

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Counseling	depends on program	call 401-467-9610 and ask
Employment Training /Job Placement	ongoing	CCAP Learn to Earn/ Youth Centers
Father-Child Activities	ongoing	Head Start 401-943-5160
Household Assistance	contact agency	contact agency
Information Referral	contact agency	contact agency
Parent Education	8 wks (ongoing)	call 401-467-9610 and ask

Funding/Payment:

State and federal grants

Department of Corrections (DOC)

The DOC provides advocacy, direct service, information referral, and other services.

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Office Phone: 401-462-3139

Fax: 401-462-0765

Address: 39 Howard Ave. Cranston, RI 02920



Who are these services for?

Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers)	Dads who are new to parenthood
Dads with current or past incarceration	Dads with addiction needs
Dads whose children have special needs	Dads with mental health needs
Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement	

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Children's Services	one time service, but dads can return for additional information and help	slip referrals, some facilities have monthly meetings for child support issues
Counseling	contact agency	self and staff referral
Custody/Visitation	individual basis	send slip to Parent
Employment Training /Job Placement	depends on discharge date and program one chooses	slip referrals/wait list
Father-Child Activities	takes place on Saturday; depends on facility	must complete educational parenting program

Information about services continued:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Household Assistance	discharge planners will assist, Access to Recover (ATR) grant may be available to newly released individuals	those serving more than 90 days will receive a discharge planner; otherwise individuals must request assistance
Information Referral	as requested on individual basis	slip to a counselor, discharge planner, or parent coordinator
Legal Aid/Assistance	each building has access to a small law library	request slip to law librarian
Parent Education	contact agency	request slip to parent coordinator

Funding/Payment:

Federal and state funding

Important program information:

The DOC is dedicated to making sure children are able to establish, rebuild, or maintain beneficial and healthy relationships with their parent(s).

For clients involved with DCYF, the DOC will:

- help clients contact and work with DCYF
- follow-up with DCYF legal issues
- help clients find out about visiting with their child(ren)
- assist with understanding the custody status of their child(ren)

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE)

RIDE provides direct service.

Contact Person: Johan Uvin

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Web Address: www.ride.ri.gov

Office Phone: 401-222-8991

Address: 255 Westminster St. Providence, RI 02903



Who are these services for?

Non-English speaking Dads

To be eligible for services you must:

- be 16 years of age or older
- not be enrolled in school
- not have a high school diploma
- (and/or) have Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Father-Child Activities	can enroll for all services at any time at Even Start sites	for all services - through local Even Start and family literacy sites
Parent Education		

Services focus on English as a Second Language (ESL), Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education/General Equivalency Diploma (GED) Preparation, and transition to college

Funding/Payment:

Federal and State funding

Department of Health (DOH)

The Department of Health provides information referral as well as training.

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Web Address: www.health.ri.gov

Office Phone: 401-222-2231

Address: 3 Capitol Hill Providence, RI 02908



Who are these services for?

Young Dads (under 21)	Dads with current or past incarceration
Non-English speaking Dads	Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement
Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers)	Dads whose children have special needs

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Information Referral	contact agency	for all services, contact the office
Parent Education	contact agency	

Funding/Payment:

Federal and private funds

Important program information:

This agency offers the Men2B Program. This program invites men from the community to become role models for youth.

Role models use parenting, coaching, and educational skills to support youth.

East Bay Community Action Program Head Start

The East Bay Community Action Program provides advocacy, direct service, and information referral for families whose children are enrolled in Head Start (3-5 year olds) and Early Head Start (infants and toddlers).

Contact Person: Debby Coofer or Linda Laliberte

Phone: 401-367-2001

E-mail: Debby.Coofer@ebcap.org or LindaL@ebcap.org

Web Address: www.ebcap.org

Office Phone: 1-877-367-2008

Address: 8 John H Chafee Blvd. Newport, RI 02840



Who are these services for?

Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers)	Young Dads (under 21)
Dads with current or past incarceration	Non-English speaking Dads
Dads whose children have special needs	Low income Dads
Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement	Grandfathers raising grandchildren

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Children's Services	all services are in 12 month increments	for all services - clients can refer themselves by calling for an application or visiting the website
Counseling		
Custody/Visitation		
Employment Training /Job Placement		
Father-Child Activities		
Household Assistance		
Information Referral		
Legal Aid/Assistance		
Parent Education		
Support Groups		

Funding/Payment:

Federal funds

Families who qualify under low income guidelines receive services at no cost

Important program information:

This agency has 6 sites throughout RI's East Bay. They can provide services to families living in these areas:

- Newport County (Newport, Middletown, Portsmouth, Jamestown, Tiverton, and Little Compton)
- Bristol
- Warren
- Barrington
- East Providence

Each family works with a family advocate or home visitor to set goals for themselves and their children.

They have specific activities for parent leadership, parenting skills, and fathers. This agency provides the following resources and services:

- home based services
- preschool classroom services
- child care to families with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers

Families who can document involvement with DCYF or who are at risk from stress such as homelessness, special needs, low income, etc, are given priority for services.

Foster children are automatically eligible for services.

Family Resources Community Action

Family Resources Community Action provides direct service and information referrals.

Contact Person: Meghan Farrelly

Phone: 401-235-6034

E-mail: mfarrelly@famresri.org

Web Address: www.famresri.org

Office Phone: 401-766-0900

Address: 245 Main St. Woonsocket, RI 02895



Who are these services for?

Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers)	Young Dads (under 21)
Dads with current or past incarceration	Non-English speaking Dads
Dads whose children have special needs	Dads with mental health needs
Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement	

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Counseling (6 to 8 wk waiting list)	contact agency	contact Sabrina DouBroff at 401-235-6072
Custody/Visitation (through DCYF)	contact agency	contact January Escobar at 401-235-6051
Employment Training /Job Placement	contact agency	contact office
Father-Child Activities (individual basis in home)	contact agency	contact Roth Nahr at 401-235-6001
Household Assistance	Family Support Center open Monday to Friday, 9:00am-11:30am and 1:00pm-4:30pm	drop in at the Family Support Center
Information Referral	contact agency	contact Roth Nahr at

Information about services continued:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Parent Education	6 wks of class	contact January Escobar at 401-235-6051
Support Groups	ongoing	contact Roth Nahr at 401-235-6001

Funding/Payment:

Funding through United Way and DCYF
Agency uses private insurance when possible
Otherwise, services are free to families who meet the program criteria
Check website for individual program information

Federal Hill House Association

The Federal Hill House Association provides advocacy, direct service, and information referral.

Contact Person: Norma Gonzalez

Phone: 401-831-2718

E-mail: ngonzalez@federalhillhouse.org

Office Phone: 401-421-4722

Address: 9 Courtland St. Providence, RI 02909



Who are these services for?

Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers)	Young Dads (under 21)
Non-English speaking Dads	Dads needing translators
Dads with current or past incarceration	Dads with addiction needs
Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement	

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Father-Child Activities	all services are ongoing	all services are walk-ins and some take referrals from other agencies
Household Assistance		
Information Referral		
Parent Education		

Funding/Payment:

- Federal and state contracts and grants
- Private foundations
- Program fees
- General donations

Important program information:

Parents as Teachers Home Visiting Program

Home visits are used to support fathers by:

- creating relationships and outreach to fathers
- involving additional family members
- modeling age-appropriate play activities
- examining the family's home environment

The Playroom

Welcoming, safe space filled with developmentally appropriate play opportunities where fathers and children can play together.

- open Monday-Friday from 9:30am-12:30am
- staff model appropriate father/child interactions
- staff help fathers understand the importance of play as a learning tool
- staff model the skills essential to effective parenting

Lifespan Community Health Services

Lifespan Community Health Services offers fatherhood education for teens and develops, provides, and supports programs that improve the health of Rhode Islanders.

Contact Person: Rosa DeCastillo

Phone: 401-431-5410 x228

E-mail: rdecastillo@lifespan.org

Web Address: www.lifespan.org

Fax: 401-431-5419

Address: 70 Catamore Blvd. East Providence, RI 02914



Who are these services for?

Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers)	Young Dads (under 21)
Dads whose children have special needs	Non-English speaking Dads
Dads with mental health needs	Dads with addiction needs
Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement	

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Children's Services	all services are ongoing	self referral or hospital
Counseling		self referral or hospital
Father-Child Activities		self referral or hospital
Household Assistance		referred by social services at RI Hospital
Information Referral		self referral or hospital
Parent Education		mandated and non
Support Groups		self referral or hospital
Health Screenings		community requests

Funding/Payment:

Private insurance
State & government resources
Sliding scale
Some services are at no cost to clients

Important program information:

Health Education Programs

Their health professionals provide classes for adults and children on a variety of health topics including disease prevention and healthy living.

Health Screenings

They provide a variety of community-based health screenings, such as blood cholesterol/glucose, blood pressure, health risk assessment, and body fat analysis.

Parenting Programs

- “Parenting Matters” is an annual event that offers parents and teachers the opportunity to learn from top child development and behavior professionals in a casual setting.
- “Temas Familiares” is an annual event conducted in Spanish that offers parents, child care providers, and educators the opportunity to learn and share information about parenting skills.
- “Speaking of Kids” educational sessions are free of charge, but provide a wealth of information on important topics such as motivating children to succeed in school, helping children manage their anger, and talking to children so they will listen.

Support Groups

Every month, many invaluable support groups are provided through Lifespan partner hospitals. Their support groups include:

- breast cancer support
- prostate cancer support
- eating disorders support

**Office of Child Support Services
at the Department of Human Services (DHS)**

The Office of Child Support Services helps to improve children’s lives by obtaining financial and medical support for children. These services involve locating parents, confirming paternity, setting up support payments, and monitoring the child support process.

Contact Person: Karla Caballeros

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Web Address: www.cse.ri.gov

Office E-mail: richildsupport@cse.state.ri.us

Office Phone: 401-458-4400 (If you cannot get through on the main line, please access their website for a complete listing of direct phone numbers for all the staff)

Address: 77 Dorrance St. Providence, RI 02903



Who are these services for?

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| Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers) | Young Dads (under 21) |
| Dads with current or past incarceration | Non-English speaking Dads |
| Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement | Dads needing translators at court |

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Children’s Services	all services are ongoing	for all classes - call agency to request
Parent Education		

Funding/Payment:

Federal & state funding

Important program information:

The Outreach Program educates the state about services provided to both custodial and non-custodial parents. This program is offered at different locations including:

- community based organizations
- schools
- hospitals
- conferences
- fairs

This agency also holds an annual conference to share best practices. This conference is attended by the RI Family Court, as well as other state and community agencies.

The RI Inmate Program offers services and support to parents who are incarcerated to assist parents in filing motions to suspend their child support and/or medical orders while at the ACI.

The Parents & Paternity Awareness Program (PAPA) provides information to teens and teen-parents regarding the rights and responsibilities of becoming parents. The PAPA program is offered to:

- high schools
- after-school programs
- RI Training School

**Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD)
at the Department of Administration (DOA)**

OHCD focuses on policy, planning, and systems change coordination.

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Web Address: www.hrc.ri.gov

Office Phone: 401-222-4892

Address: 1 Capital Hill 3rd Fl. Providence, RI 02908



Who are these services for?

Dads with current or past incarceration For anyone in a housing crisis
Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement

Information about services:

Will refer out to other agencies

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Out To</u>
Children's Services	all services are ongoing	RI Project Homeless Connect
Custody/Visitation		Legal Clinic
Employment Training		netWork RI
Household Assistance		RI Donation Exchange
Information Referral		2-1-1 Crisis System
Legal Aid/Assistance		Legal Clinic

Funding/Payment:

Federal, state, and some private funds are distributed among providers who serve people in housing crisis

Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island

Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island provides parent resources, education, and advocacy around efforts to strengthen and support families.

Contact Person: Katherine Begin

Phone: 401-728-7920

E-mail: kbegin@preventchildabuse-ri.org

Web Address: www.preventchildabuse-ri.org

Address: 500 Prospect St. Wing B. Pawtucket, RI 02860



Who are these services for?

Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers) Young Dads (under 21)
Non-English speaking Dads

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Information Referral	all services are offered	for information on all
Parent Education	upon agency request	services call office
Parent Brochures and Newsletters		

Funding/Payment:

Contact agency

Rhode Island Mentoring Partnership

Rhode Island Mentoring Partnership provides education.

Contact Person: Jo-Ann Schofield

Phone: 401-732-7700

E-mail: jschofield@mentorri.org

Web Address: www.mentorri.org

Address: 3296 Post Rd. Warwick, RI 02886



Who are these services for?

Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers)

Young Dads (under 21)

Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement

Non-English speaking Dads

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Information Referral	all services - ongoing,	contact Jo-Ann Schofield
Parent Education	10 wks	for all services

Funding/Payment:

Private and public sources

Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN)

Rhode Island Parent Information Network provides information, support, and training to empower parents, families, individuals, and family-serving professionals to become effective advocates for themselves and the children in their care.

Contact Person: Deb Spaziano

Phone: 401-727-4144 x150

E-mail: spaziano@ripin.org

Web Address: www.ripin.org

Office Phone: 401-727-4144

Address: 175 Main St. Pawtucket, RI 02860



Who are these services for?

Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers)	Young Dads (under 21)
Dads with current or past incarceration	Dads needing translators
Dads whose children have special needs	

RIPIN's services are available to all Rhode Islanders, especially parents, families, young adults, and adults with disabilities.

Information about services:

<u>Services</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Father-Child Activities	for all services -	for all services -
Information Referral	contact agency	contact agency
Parent Education		

Important program information (see website for details):

RIPIN offers a number of services to families. See list below for some examples:

Health

- Telephone consultation
- Rights and responsibilities
- Assistance with system navigation

(See next page for additional information)

- Medical insurance/healthcare financing

Special Healthcare Needs for Children and Youth

- Family Voices
- Parent consultant programs
- Technical assistance for parents and family-serving health professionals
- Early Intervention
- Parents role in healthcare policy/systems change

Education

- Telephone consultation
- Workshops, training, and technical assistance

Special Education Support

- Assistance with systems navigation
- Rights and responsibilities

Parent Involvement in School

- Technical assistance for parents and school personnel
- Effective communication tools for parents/teachers
- RI Special Education Regulations
- Help with the No Child Left Behind Act
- Supplemental education services
- School Choice
- State accountability standards
- Family Friendly Assessment
- 5 Question Project (5Q)
- Early childhood education (PAT and HIPPY programs)

Support Groups

- Family of Children with Special Health Care Needs: First Monday monthly, 10:00am-11:30am, at CNDC in the George Clinic at Rhode Island Hospital. 593 Eddy St. Providence
- Spanish Speakers: Last Thursday monthly, 10:30 am-12:00pm, at Solutions CEDARR conference room at Family Service. 134 Thurbers Ave. Providence
- Spanish Speakers: First Wednesday monthly, 5:00pm-6:30-pm, in RIPIN's conference room. 175 Main St. Pawtucket
- Family to Family Online Group: Make connection anytime online. www.rifamilytofamily.net

Tri-Town Community Action Agency

Tri-Town Community Action Agency provides advocacy, direct service, and information referrals.

Office Phone: 401-351-2750

Web Address: www.tri-town.org

Address: 1126 Hartford Ave. Johnston, RI 02919



Who are these services for?

Dads 21 and older (and grandfathers)	Young Dads (under 21)
Dads with current or past incarceration	Non-English speaking Dads
Dads with mental health needs	Dads with addiction needs
Dads whose children have special needs	Dads with medical needs
Dads with child welfare (DCYF) involvement	Dads needing translators

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Counseling	for all services - contact agency	contact Prevention Services /Youth Links at 401-519-1937
Employment Training /Job Placement		contact the Reach program at 401-519-1916
Father-Child Activities		contact Head Start at 401-519-1927 or 401-351-2750 x1027
Household Assistance		call 401-519-1916
Information Referral		call Tri-Town office
Parent Education		contact Reach program at 401-519-1914
Support Groups		contact Behavioral Health program at 401 -519-1936/1940

(See next page for additional information)

Funding/Payment:

State and government resources

Important program information:

Youth Links - Leading youth down the road to success	401-519-1937
Reach - Teaching skills that promote self-sufficiency	401-519-1916
Supporting Basic Human Needs	401-519-1916
Providing Affordable Medical and Behavioral Health Services	401-519-1940

Primary towns served:

- North Providence
- Johnston
- Smithfield
- North Smithfield
- Burrillville
- North Scituate
- Scituate
- Gloucester

Woonsocket Head Start Child Development Association, Inc.

Woonsocket Head Start Child Development Association work to provide advocacy and information referral, improve father/child relationships, and provide comprehensive family services.

Contact Person: Karen Bouchard

Phone: 401-769-1850

E-mail: kbouchard@whscda.org

Web Address: www.WHSCDA.org

Office Phone: 401-766-0112

Address: 204 Warwick St. or 350 Newland Ave. or 2 Bourdon Blvd.
Woonsocket, RI 02895



Who are these services for?

Dads whose children are enrolled in the Head Start program

Information about services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Referral Process</u>
Employment Training /Job Placement	for all services - call program for details	these services are only available to those enrolled in the program
Information Referral		
Parent Education		

Funding/Payment:

Government and state funds

Legal Representation

From the RI Bar Association:

Office Phone: 401-421-5740

Web Address: <http://ribar.com/public/default.asp>

- Reduced Fee Program for eligible clients: 401-421-7799
- Volunteer Lawyer Program free legal assistance for eligible clients: 401-421-7758

Public Defenders:

Public Defenders are for defendants who can not afford an attorney in criminal matters.

Clients served include:

- those charged with misdemeanors and felonies
- juveniles charged with delinquency and wayward offenses
- parents whose custody of their children is threatened by the state

Office of the Public Defender
160 Pine St.
Providence, RI 02903
401-222-3492

Joseph Garrahy Judicial Complex
1 Dorrance Plaza
Providence, RI 02903
401-458-3050

Providence County Courthouse
Licht Judicial Complex
250 Benefit St.
Providence, RI 02903
401-222-1312

Kent County Courthouse
Leighton Judicial Complex
22 Quaker Ln.
Warwick, RI 02886
401-822-6875

Newport County Courthouse
Murray Judicial Complex
45 Washington Square
Newport, RI 02840
401-841-8320

Washington County Courthouse
McGrath Judicial Complex
4800 Tower Hill Rd.
Wakefield, RI 02879
401-782-4180

From Rhode Island Legal Services:

Rhode Island Legal Services provides representation in those instances where the Public Defender cannot represent more than one parent as a result of a conflict of interest.

56 Pine St. 4th Fl.
Providence, RI 02903
401-274-2652
800-662-5034
Housing hotline: x124

50 Washington Square
Newport, RI 02840
401-846-2264
800-637-4529

The **Family Preservation Project (FPP)** The goal of the FPP attorneys is to ensure that low-income parents in danger of losing their children to state custody receive proper representation in the Family Court. FPP attorneys represent clients with a philosophy that supports family reunification or preservation when possible and requires the state to make all reasonable efforts to support this goal prior to placing children in foster care.

The **Responsible Parent Project (RPP)** represents clients referred by the Rhode Island Family Court who are facing incarceration as a result of their failure to pay child support.

- RPP clients often have underlying issues that prevent them from earning an income, such as mental or physical disabilities or substance abuse problems.
- The RPP Unit works closely with area healthcare providers, disability attorneys, and substance abuse programs to support clients.

Section 3

Bus and Transportation Information

Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

265 Melrose St.
Providence, RI 02907

Get the information you need to reach your destination (including bus route(s), departure and arrival times, and fare information) by calling this number: **401-781-9400**

Kennedy Plaza Passenger Terminal is open 7 days a week and holidays from 6:00am-8:00pm.

Fares (must have exact change):

Base fare for buses, trolleys, and express Park n' Ride = \$1.75

Transfer from one bus to another = 50¢

Children under 5 ride free when accompanied by an adult

Monthly Pass = \$55 Valid for unlimited statewide travel on RIPTA buses, trolleys, and Flex vehicles for the calendar month

Low income persons with a disability or age 65 and above may ride free of charge with a **RIPTA No Fare ID Pass**. All other persons age 65 and above or with a disability pay full fare during RIPTA peak hours of service (7:00am-9:00am and 3:00pm-6:00pm) on weekdays and pay 1/2 fare all other time upon presentation of a RIPTA Senior/Disabled ID Pass or a Medicare ID Card.

Free Activities

Below is a list of free activities for Dads to do with their children

Arcadia Management Area

Open daily from 8:30am-4:00pm. Handicapped parking, picnic areas with fireplaces, lake with beach, fishing, and numerous trails.

260 Arcadia Rd.
Hope Valley, RI
401-539-2356

Colt State Park

Open sunrise to sunset. Walking trails, picnic areas, beach, and fishing.

Colt Dr.
Bristol, RI 02809
401-253-7482

Block Island National Wildlife Refuge

Open daily, dawn to dusk. Trails, kayaking, light house.

Corn Neck Rd.
Block Island, RI 02807

Community School Playground

Wonderful playground with swings, slides, mazes, and picnic tables.

Arnold Mills Rd.
Cumberland, RI 02864

Brenton Point State Park

Open dawn to dusk. Cool ocean breezes and plenty of space for flying kites. Free parking. Starting in may, free fort tours.

Ocean Dr.
Newport, RI 02840
401-847-2400

Cumberland Hill School Playground

Robert Leathers designed playground, mazes, slides, swings, and handicapped accessible.

Manville Hill Rd.
Cumberland, RI 02864

Burlingame State Park

Open daily from April 15-October 31. Lake with beach, picnic area, and walking trails.

Route 1
Charlestown, RI 02813
401-322-7994

Diamond Hill State Park

Scenic picnic area and walking trails.

Diamond Hill Rd.
Cumberland, RI 02864

Emile Reucker Wildlife Refuge

Open daily, dawn to dusk. An Audubon refuge where cedar groves and a salt marsh provide a peaceful backdrop for birding and hiking. About 2 miles of trails. Free parking.

137 Seapower Ave.
Tiverton, RI 02878
401-624-2759

Frosty Drew Observatory and Nature Center

Open Fridays from 7:30am-9:30pm. Kettle Pond exhibit building.

Ninigret Park
Charlestown, RI 02813
401-364-9508
401-364-9124

Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology

3 galleries explore natives of North, Central, and South America. Also traditional arts of Africa, Asia, Middle East, and Oceania.

300 Tower Rd.
Bristol, RI 02809
401-253-8388

Impossible Dream

Open April to October. Handicapped playground.

575 Centerville Rd.
Warwick, RI 02886
401-823-5566

Norman Bird Sanctuary and Museum

Open Tuesday to Sunday from 9:00am-5:00pm. 7 miles of walking trails and wildlife habitats on 450 acre refuge. Educational facility with trailside museum.

583 Third Beach
Middletown, RI 02840
401-846-2477

Peck Center Playground

A playground designed and built for kids 12 and under. Mazes, slides, and swings especially designed for toddlers and different levels of special needs. Comfortable adult seating.

County Rd.
Barrington, RI 02806

Phantom Farm

Tuesdays at 9:30 are story time. In the fall, they have apple picking, pumpkin patches, and hayrides.

2920 Diamond Hill Rd.
Cumberland, RI 02864
401-333-2240

Providence Children's Museum

First Sunday of the month is free. Open Tuesday to Sunday from 9:30am-5:00pm. Hands on activities for children ages 2-12 years old. Exhibits include Kids and Pets, Great Puzzle Room, The Great House Hunt, Superchairwoman, and Storymakers. Special activities and programs. First floor is wheelchair accessible.

100 South St.
Providence, RI 02903
401-273-5437

Roger Williams National Memorial

Open daily from 9:00am-4:30pm. Site of original Providence settlement. Exhibits and group programs.

282 North Main St.
Providence, RI 02903
401-521-7266

Slater Memorial Park

Tennis Courts and picnic sites. 3 mile bike trail from Armistice Blvd. 10 mile river area to Kimberly Rock Athletic Complex in Rumford. Complete wheel chair access. Art Gallery and museum.

Rt. 1
Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-728-0500 x252

Roger Williams Park Zoo

First Saturday of the month is free for Providence residents. Open May to October from 10:00am-5:00pm. Open November to April from 10:00am-4:00pm. Third oldest zoo in the country. An environmental showcase on 35 acres features native and exotic wildlife and plants. Tropical America exhibits and Children's Nature Center.

Elwood Ave.
Providence, RI 02907
401-785-9450 x25

Smith's Castle

The 1678 structure has been a trading post established by Roger Williams, a slave holding plantation, and the Cocumscussoc Dairy.

55 Richard Smith Dr.
Wickford, RI 02852
401-294-3521

Warren Playground

Kids 12 and under will enjoy this playground with swings, mazes, and slides.

Asylum Rd.
Warren, RI 02885

Farmer's Markets

Barrington, Ace Hardware	When: Jun-Oct	Wednesday 2-6
Barrington, Haines Memorial State Park	When: May-Oct	Wednesday 2-6
Bristol, Colt State Park	When: May-Oct	Friday 2-6
Cranston, Rhodes on the Pawtuxet parking lot	When: May-Nov	Saturday 9-12
Cranston, RI Department of Labor and Training	When: Jul-Sep	Friday 10-2:30
Cranston, Whole Foods Garden City	When: Jun-Oct	Tuesday 3-7
East Greenwich, Academy Field	When: Sep-Oct	Monday 3-6
Harrisville, Levy School	When: May-Oct	Saturday 9-12
Lincoln, Visitor Center	When: Jun-Oct	Tuesday 2-6
Middletown, Newport Vineyards & Winery	When: Jun-Oct	Saturday 9-1
Newport, Along the shaded walk	When: Jun-Oct	Wednesday 2-6
North Scituate, Village Green Art Festival Grounds	When: May-Oct	Saturday 9-12
Pawtucket, Hope Artiste Village	When: Dec-Apr	Saturday 11-2
Pawtucket, Just south of I-95 exit 29	When: Jul-Oct	Sunday 12-3
Providence, Algonquin House	When: Jul-Oct	Saturday 9-1

Providence, Cranston Armory.	When: Jun-Oct	Thursday 4-7
Providence, Hope High School	When: Jun-Nov	Saturday 9:30-12:30
Providence, Kennedy Plaza and Burnside Park	When: Jun-Oct	Friday 11-2
Providence, Parking lot of Doyle Realty	When: Jun-Oct	Tuesday 2-6
Providence, RI College	When: Sep-Oct	Wednesday 4-6
Providence, RI Department of Administration's front lawn	When: Jul-Sep	Thursday 11-2
Providence, Whole Foods University Heights	When: Jun-Oct	Monday 3-7
Providence, Whole Foods Waterman St.	When: Jun-Oct	Wednesday 3-7
Providence, Wriston Quad.	When: Sep-Nov	Wednesday 11-2
Richmond, Town Hall	When: May-Oct	Saturday 9-12:30
Saunderstown, Casey Farm	When: May-Nov	Saturday 9-12
South Kingstown, University of RI Keaney Sport Complex	When: May-Oct	Saturday 8:30-12:30
Tiverton, Pardon Gray Preserve	When: Jul-Sep	Saturday 9-1
Warwick, Goddard State Park	When: May-Oct	Friday 9-1
Woonsocket, St. Ann Arts & Cultural Center	When: Jul-Oct	Tuesday 4-7

Rhode Island Child Welfare Institute

The Child Welfare Institute is a resource of knowledge, inspiration, and support. Their goals include educating and empowering through training programs as well as establishing and maintaining a program for staff development and for professional development with collaborative partners.

Child Welfare Fatherhood Project

The Child Welfare Fatherhood Project (CWFP) arose out of concern for the need to increase visibility and engagement of fathers in child welfare. The exclusion of fathers has adversely impacted the ability of the child welfare system to respond to the diverse needs of children and youth. The information gathered by the CWFP is being used to implement improvements in child welfare and community providers' current fatherhood practices. These collective practices are directly linked to safety, permanency, and well-being for Rhode Island children and youth.

