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NASW - RI 2015 LINKS File Instructions & Contents

“LINKS,” a file containing a broad array of advocacy, human service research, and social work resources on the Internet. This product is primarily comprised of national web sites; however the NASW - RI Links File also contains many Rhode Island specific sites of interest to the advocate, researcher and/or student. Each web site is reviewed for accuracy and usefulness. All links include a brief explanation meant to assist the reader in conducting his or her research.

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Children and Families ([back](#))

Administration for Children & Families

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov>

The Administration for Children & Families (ACF) is a division within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The ACF division promotes the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities. The ACF website contains resources that are relevant to its work with children and families.

American Association of Open Adoption Agencies

<http://www.openadoption.org/index.html>

Contains comprehensive information on child adoption, such as state laws on child adoption, and how individuals and families can begin the adoption process.

Child Abuse: Statistics, Research & Resources

<http://www.jimhopper.com>

Jim Hopper is a researcher and therapist with a doctorate in clinical psychology. He has studied the long-lasting effects of child abuse and other traumatic experiences. This site contains statistical research as well as other resources on child and sexual abuse.

Child Welfare

<http://www.childwelfare.com>

The Child Welfare website is a resource that is rich with information about all issues related to child welfare. This website includes state-by-state statistical information, an adoption directory and other related resources on child welfare laws, ways to report child abuse, and links to a wide array of non-profit child welfare agencies.

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

<http://www.chadd.org>

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), is a national non-profit, tax-exempt organization that provides education, advocacy and support for individuals with ADHD. CHADD also publishes a variety of printed materials to keep members and professionals current on research advances, medications, and treatments affecting individuals with ADHD.

National Center for Children in Poverty

<http://www.nccp.org>

The National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) is one of the nation's leading public policy centers at Columbia University. The NCCP is dedicated to promoting the economic security, health, and well-being of America's low-income families and children. The NCCP uses research to inform policy and practice with the goal of ensuring positive outcomes for the next generation. The NCCP also promotes family-oriented solutions at the state and national levels.

National Children's Alliance

<http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org>

The National Children's Alliance (NCA) is a professional membership organization dedicated to helping local communities respond to allegations of child abuse in ways that are effective and efficient while also putting the needs of child victims first. The website contains research publications, membership information, and links to state NCA chapters.

Parent Support Network of Rhode Island

<http://www.psnri.org>

The Parent Support Network of RI (PSN-RI) is an organization of families supporting other families with children and youth that are at risk for, or have, serious behavioral, emotional, and/or mental health challenges, with consideration for the families' backgrounds and values. The goals of PSN-RI are to strengthen and preserve families, enable families in advocacy, extend social networks which reduce family isolation, develop social policy and systems of care. This site contains information on issues surrounding child welfare, care planning, and links to other relevant resources.

Rhode Island Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

<http://www.health.ri.gov/healthrisks/poisoning/lead/index.php>

This state resource coordinates statewide efforts to reduce lead poisoning in Rhode Island's children.

Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families

<http://www.dcyf.state.ri.us>

The Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)'s vision is that all children, youth and families reach their fullest potential in a safe and nurturing environment. It is the mission of DCYF to assist families with their primary responsibility to raise their children to become productive members of society. DCYF recognizes their obligations to promote, safeguard and protect the overall well-being of culturally diverse children, youth and families and the communities in which they live through a partnership with families, communities and government.

Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

<http://www.rikidscount.org/matriarch/default.asp>

The mission of Rhode Island KIDS COUNT is to improve the health, safety, education, economic security, and development of Rhode Island's children. Rhode Island KIDS COUNT provides independent, credible, comprehensive information on Rhode Island's children and uses that information to change or influence public policies and programs to improve children's lives.

The Rhode Island Parent Guide Information Network

<http://www.ripin.org>

The Rhode Island Parent Guide Information Network (RIPIN)'s mission is to inform, educate, support and empower all families to be equal partners in advocacy for the education, health, and socioeconomic well-being of their children and families; and to achieve family-centered systems changes, which are culturally competent and community based. RIPIN offers eleven programs and services to families with children in RI, including families of children with special needs. They serve more than 65,000 Rhode Islanders each year. Designed to give parents and other people a working knowledge of the special education process within RI, RIPIN also has several other guides for families.

Women & Infants Hospital

<http://www.womenandinfants.org>

Women & Infants Hospital is located in Providence, RI. The website contains up-to-date information about hospital services as well as research on infants, children, and maternity.

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American Civil Liberties Union

<http://www.aclu.org>

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) mission is to defend and promote the civil rights preserved in the U.S. Constitution. This site contains information on a wide variety of domestic issues such as

capital punishment, privacy, disability rights, reproductive freedom, religious liberty, etc. An excellent resource for those interested in research questions of civil liberties and the law, and for those who want to participate in grassroots actions.

Amnesty International USA

<http://www.amnestyusa.org>

Amnesty International is a global movement of people fighting injustice and promoting human rights.

The USA section of Amnesty International's mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination, within the context of its work to promote all human rights. AI is independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion. It does not support or oppose any government or political system, nor does it support or oppose the views of the victims whose rights it seeks to protect. It is concerned solely with the impartial protection of human rights.

Human Rights Watch

<http://www.hrw.org>

Human Rights Watch (HRW) is the largest human rights organization based in the United States. HRW researchers conduct fact-finding investigations into human rights abuses in all regions of the world. HRW then publishes those findings in dozens of books and reports every year, generating extensive coverage in local and international media.

OxFam

<http://www.oxfam.org>

Oxfam International is a confederation that consists of 17 organizations working together with partner organizations and local communities in more than 90 countries. It has been proven that one person in three in the world lives in poverty. Oxfam is determined to change that world by mobilizing the power of vulnerable women and men to end the injustices that cause poverty.

United States Institute for Peace

<http://www.usip.org>

The United States Institute of Peace is an independent, nonpartisan institution established and funded by Congress to increase the nation's capacity to manage international conflict without violence. The United States Institute for Peace mission is to prevent, mitigate and resolve violent conflicts around the world by engaging directly in conflict zones and providing analysis, education and resources to those working for peace.

United States Institute of Peace Act

<http://www.usip.org/about-us/our-history/usip-act>

The act directs the Institute to serve the American people and government through the "widest possible range of education and training, basic and applied research opportunities, and peace information services on the means to promote international peace and the resolution of conflicts among the nations and peoples of the world without recourse to violence."

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American Society of Addiction Medicine

<http://www.asam.org>

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) is an association that consists of physicians that are dedicated to improving the treatment of alcoholism and other addictions, ASSAM works to educate physicians, medical students, other health care providers as well as the general public. ASAM also works to promote the appropriate role of the physician in the care of patients with addiction, and establish addiction medicine as a specialty that is recognized by professional organizations, governments, physicians, purchasers, and consumers of health care services and the general public

Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse

<http://www.amersa.org/index.asp>

The Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA), founded in 1976, is a multidisciplinary organization of health care professionals dedicated to improving education in the care of individuals with substance abuse problems. AMERSA's mission is to provide leadership and improve training for all health care professionals in the management of problems related to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, disseminate state-of-the-art scientific information about substance abuse education and research, provide mentoring for health care professionals interested in becoming teachers, clinicians, and researchers in the substance abuse field, and promote cultural competence and inclusiveness among health care professionals in their work with individuals affected by alcohol, tobacco and other drug problems.

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Association of Rhode Island

<http://www.dataofri.org>

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Association of Rhode Island (DATA) is a nonprofit membership organization established in 1986 representing public and private alcohol and drug treatment, behavioral health, prevention and student assistant programs. DATA's mission is to advocate for the best substance abuse treatment, prevention and educational services; to foster communication among substance abuse providers and within health/human service programs; to promote the welfare of clients of drug and alcohol treatment and prevention programs and the community at large, to train and provide technical assistance building workforce competence of substance abuse, community health, mental health, and other human service providers; Lead prevention efforts throughout the state to educate the general public about substance abuse and other health and behavioral health risks; Disseminate information regarding available community resources; reduce stigma associated with the disease of addiction.

Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery

<http://www.moar-recovery.org>

Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR)'s mission is to organize recovering individuals, families and friends into a collective voice to educate the public about the value of recovery from alcohol and other addictions. MOAR envisions a society where addiction is treated as a significant public health issue and recovery is recognized as valuable to all our communities. MOAR seeks to continue to build a recovery-informed society where recovery becomes a societal "norm" and prevention a societal "given".

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol & Drug Information

<http://store.samhsa.gov/home>

SAMHSA's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) is the Nation's one-stop

resource for information about substance abuse prevention and addiction treatment. They staff both English and Spanish-speaking information specialists who are skilled at recommending appropriate publications, posters, and videocassettes; conducting customized searches; providing grant and funding information; and referring people to appropriate organizations.

The National Council on Problem Gambling

<http://www.ncpgambling.org>

The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) mission is to increase public awareness of pathological gambling, ensure the widespread availability of treatment for problem gamblers and their families, and to encourage research and programs for prevention and education.

National Institute on Drug Abuse

<http://www.drugabuse.gov>

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), supports over 85 percent of the world's research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction. NIDA supports science and so it addresses the most fundamental and essential questions about drug abuse. These questions range from the molecule to managed care, and from DNA to community outreach research.

North American Training Institute

<http://www.nati.org>

The North American Training Institute (NATI) provides gambling addiction clinical courses, youth and older adult prevention programs and responsible gaming services for over a decade.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

<http://www.samhsa.gov/index.aspx>.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

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Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum

<http://www.apiahf.org>

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum is a national advocacy organization dedicated to promoting policy, program, and research efforts to improve the health and well-being of Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. Founded in 1986, the Health Forum approaches activities with the philosophy of coalition-building and developing capacity within local AAPI communities. They advocate on health issues of significance to AAPI communities, conduct community-based technical assistance and training, provide health and U.S. Census data analysis and information dissemination, and convene regional and national conferences on AAPI health.

International Institute

<http://www.iiri.org>

The International Institute is an independent non-profit, serving immigrants and refugees, one family at a time, since 1921. They serve as a first-stop, full-service immigration referral center providing educational, legal, and social services to immigrants and refugees throughout Rhode Island and southeastern New England. They also

provide interpreting and translating services and community education and training programs to local businesses, health care providers, lawyers, government agencies, social service providers, academic organizations and individuals.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

<http://www.naacp.org>

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

National Black Child Development Institute

<http://www.nbcdi.org>

For more than 40 years, the National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI) has been at the forefront of engaging leaders, policymakers, professionals, and parents around critical and timely issues that directly impact Black children and their parents and communities. Through hands-on service and community-outreach programs, NBCDI's mission is to improve and advance the quality of life for Black children and their families through education and advocacy.

National Council of La Raza

<http://www.nclr.org>

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) is the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States. It works to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans. To achieve its mission, NCLR conducts applied research, policy analysis, and advocacy, providing a Latino perspective in five key areas – assets/investments, civil rights/immigration, education, employment and economic status, and health. In addition, it provides capacity-building assistance to its affiliates who work at the state and local level to advance opportunities for individuals and families

The National Urban League

<http://nul.iamempowered.com/>

Established in 1910, The National Urban League is the nation's oldest and largest community-based movement devoted to empowering African Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream. Today, the National Urban League, headquartered in New York City, spearheads the non-partisan efforts of its local affiliates. There are over 100 local affiliates of the National Urban League located in 35 states and the District of Columbia providing direct services to more than 2 million people nationwide through programs, advocacy and research. The mission of the Urban League movement is to enable African Americans to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights.

Native Web

<http://www.nativeweb.org>

Native Web is an international, non-profit, educational organization dedicated to using telecommunications including computer technology and the Internet to disseminate information from and about indigenous nations, peoples, and organizations around the world; to foster communication between native and non-native peoples; to conduct research involving indigenous peoples' usage of technology and the Internet; and to provide resources, mentoring, and services to facilitate indigenous peoples' use of this technology.

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AFL-CIO

<http://www.aflcio.org>

The mission of the AFL-CIO is to improve the lives of working families—to bring economic justice to the workplace and social justice to our nation.

The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees

<http://www.afscme.org>

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees are the largest and fastest growing public service employees union in the nation. They are 1.4 million members strong and are made up of people who serve the public every day in all areas of government, health, education and other services, both public and private.

Industrial Workers of the World

<http://www.iww.org>

The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) believes there can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life. They find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class has interests in common with their employers. It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. By organizing industrially they are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

Jobs with Justice

<http://www.jwj.org>

Founded in 1987, Jobs with Justice (JWJ)'s mission is to improve working people's standard of living, fight for job security, and protect workers' right to organize. JWJ's core belief is that in order to be successful, workers' rights struggles have to be part of a larger campaign for economic and social justice. JWJ has created a network of local coalitions that connect labor, faith-based, community, and student organizations to work together on workplace and community social justice campaigns.

Labor Net

<http://www.labor.net>

Labor Net keeps track of labor issues happening around the country, with particular attention to strikes, labor disputes, labor rights, immigrant labor, etc. The home page contains resources, news archives, and links to other sources of information.

Labor Policy Association

<http://www.hrpolicy.org>

The Labor Policy Association is a non-profit organization. Some of their key practice areas include (but are not limited to): talent and workforce development, healthcare, executive compensation, labor law and labor relations, wage and hour issues, employment policy, immigration, and retirement security.

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

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

The Department of Labor and Training provides a wide-range of services for Employers and Job Seekers, including distribution of Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) Benefits, Workers' Compensation Benefits, Workforce Development Services, Employer Services, and Labor Market Information. We strive on quality assistance for job seekers and employers, as well as the business and

economic community.

United States Department of Labor

<http://www.dol.gov>

The Department of Labor fosters and promotes the welfare of the job seekers, wage earners, and retirees of the United States by improving their working conditions, advancing their opportunities for profitable employment, protecting their retirement and health care benefits, helping employers find workers, strengthening free collective bargaining, and tracking changes in employment, prices, and other national economic measurements.

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Fenway Community Health Center

<http://www.fenwayhealth.org>

The mission of Fenway Community Health is to enhance the physical and mental health of its community, which includes those who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, the people who live and work in our neighborhood, and beyond, through access to the highest quality health care, education, and research advocacy.

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders

www.glad.org

Founded in 1978, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) is New England's leading legal rights organization dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status and gender identity and expression. Providing litigation, advocacy, and educational work in all areas of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender civil rights and the rights of people living with HIV, GLAD has a full-time legal staff and a network of cooperating attorneys across New England.

Human Rights Campaign

<http://www.hrc.org>

The Human Rights Campaign is America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual & Transgender (LGBT) citizens, and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.

Marriage Equality of Rhode Island

<http://www.marriageequalityri.org>

Marriage Equality of Rhode Island is a grassroots movement that seeks legal recognition of same-sex couples through civil marriage in Rhode Island.

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force

<http://www.thetaskforce.org>

Founded in 1973, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Foundation (the Task Force) was the first national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights and advocacy organization and remains the movement's leading voice for freedom, justice and equality. They work to build the grassroots political strength of the LGBT community by training state and local activists and leaders, working to strengthen the infrastructure of state and local allies, and organizing broad-based campaigns to build public support for complete equality for LGBT people. Their Policy Institute, the community's premier think tank, provides research and policy analysis to support the struggle for complete equality.

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Rhode Island)

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

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Rhode Island, (PFLAG-RI) promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. PFLAG-RI provides the opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

Senior Action in a Gay Environment

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

Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE) is an intergenerational and culturally diverse social organization whose goal is to improve the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) older adults. Their mission is to lead in addressing issues related to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) aging.

Youth Pride Inc.

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

Youth Pride Inc. (YPI) provides support, advocacy, and education for Rhode Island's youth and young adults who are impacted by their sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. YPI believes strongly in the necessity of a systemic approach to alleviate the obstacles faced by LGBTQ youth, as their individual difficulties often stem from the homophobic environments in which they live, work, study, play, and pray.

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Center for the American Woman and Politics

<http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu>

Center for the American Woman and Politics (CAWP) is a university-based research, education and public service center. Its mission is to promote greater knowledge and understanding about women's participation in politics and government and to enhance women's influence and leadership in public life. CAWP provides up-to-the-minute information and analysis on the women's political movement.

Day One - The Sexual Assault and Trauma Resource Center

<http://www.dayoneri.org>

Day One's mission is to reduce the prevalence of sexual abuse and violence, and to support and advocate for those affected by sexual abuse and violence. Day One's vision is to create a community that is free of sexual abuse and violence through leadership and action that is responsive to the needs of the community. Today, Day One provides services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and other violent crimes and educates the public throughout the state of Rhode Island.

Futures without Violence

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

For more than 30 years, FUTURES has been providing groundbreaking programs, policies, and campaigns that empower individuals and organizations working to end violence against women and children around the world.

The Feminist Majority Foundation

<http://www.feminist.org>

The Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) was created to develop bold, new strategies and programs to advance women's equality, non-violence, economic development, and, most importantly, empowerment of women and girls in all sectors of society. All programs of the FMF work to include a global perspective and activities to promote leadership development, especially among young women. Along with reproductive rights and access to reproductive technology, the FMF's programs have focused on the empowerment of women in law, business, medicine, academia, sports, and the Internet.

Principles

NARAL Pro-Choice America

<http://www.naral.org>

NARAL Pro-Choice America is made up of pro-choice women and men across the United States. Together, they work to protect and expand reproductive freedom. NARAL Pro-Choice America lobbies Congress to convince elected representatives to support the right to choose, uses the political process to elect lawmakers who share their pro-choice values and defeat candidates who oppose their values.

National Organization for Women

<http://www.now.org>

The National Organization for Women, founded in 1986, seeks to protect reproductive health options, as well as focusing on other areas of concern to women, such as pregnancy discrimination, employment issues, discrimination against women in the military, sexual harassment and exploitation, lesbian and gay rights, civil rights, sex discrimination in insurance, and ending violence against women. In their education and advocacy efforts, the organization works to inform the general public, as well as policy-makers, about the need for equal treatment of women and for a constitutional guarantee of equal rights under the law..

Our Bodies Ourselves/The Boston Women's Health Book Collective

<http://www.ourbodiesourselves.org>

Our Bodies Ourselves (OBOS), is a nonprofit, public interest organization based in Cambridge, Mass., that develops and promotes evidence-based information on girls' and women's reproductive health and sexuality. OBOS's landmark publication, "Our Bodies, Ourselves," has sold millions of copies around the world and has been translated into more than two dozen languages. The most recent U.S. edition, published in 2011, was named by Library Journal as one of the best consumer health books of that year.

Planned Parenthood

www.plannedparenthood.org

The Planned Parenthood Mission Statement is a Reason for Being. Planned Parenthood believes in the fundamental right of each individual, throughout the world, to manage his or her fertility, regardless of the individual's income, marital status, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or residence. We believe that respect and value for diversity in all aspects of our organization are essential to our well-being. We believe that reproductive self-determination must be voluntary and preserve the individual's right to privacy. We further believe that such self-determination will contribute to an enhancement of the quality of life and strong family relationships.

Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence

<http://www.ricadv.org>

The Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV) purpose is to eliminate domestic violence in Rhode Island. Our mission is to support and enhance the work of our member agencies, and to provide leadership on the issue of domestic violence. The Coalition fosters communication, resource sharing, networking and collaboration raises awareness, responds to community needs, and educates the public about domestic violence, promotes community organizing around prevention of domestic violence, advocates locally and nationally to impact social and systemic change on the issue of domestic violence, partners with the survivors to strengthen the voices of abused women and accesses resources to maximize community impact.

Rhode Island National Organization for Women

<http://www.rinow.org>

The Rhode Island National Organization for Women (RI-NOW), takes action to bring women into full

participation in all aspects of public and private life without experiencing barriers based on gender. RI-NOW seeks to create a world where all women and girls have access to comprehensive health care services, are free from violence in all forms, have achieved economic equality, have equal rights regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, and are free from racism which diminishes us all.

Health Care ([back](#))

American Public Health Association

<http://www.apha.org>

The American Public Health Association (APHA) values the health of all people and all communities. The APHA is the only organization that influences federal policy, has a 140-plus year perspective and brings together members from all fields of public health.

The Body: The Complete HIV/AIDS Resource

<http://www.thebody.com>

The Body's mission is to use the Web to lower barriers between patients and clinicians, demystify HIV/AIDS and its treatment, improve patients' quality of life, and foster community through human connection.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

<http://www.cms.gov>

The Centers For Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS) goals are to protect and improve beneficiary health and satisfaction, foster appropriate and predictable payments and high quality care, promote understanding of CMS programs among beneficiaries, the health care community, and the public, promote the fiscal integrity of CMS programs and be an accountable steward of public funds, foster excellence in the design and administration of CMS programs, and provide leadership in the broader health care marketplace to improve health.

Centers of Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is one of the 13 major operating components of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which is the principal agency in the United States for protecting the health and safety of all Americans and for providing essential human services, especially for those people who are least able to help themselves.

The Commonwealth Fund

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

The Commonwealth Fund is a private foundation that aims to promote a high performing health care system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including low-income people, the uninsured, minority Americans, young children, and elderly adults. The Fund carries out this mandate by supporting independent research on health care issues and making grants to improve health care practice and policy. An international program in health policy is designed to stimulate innovative policies and practices in the United States and other industrialized countries.

Families USA

<http://www.familiesusa.org>

Families USA is a national non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans. Working at the national, state, and community levels, they have earned a national reputation as an effective voice for health care consumers for over 20 years. This web site contains information on health insurance including prescription drug insurance, and legislative efforts.

The Kaiser Family Foundation

<http://www.kff.org>

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) is a non-profit, private operating foundation focusing on the major health care issues facing the nation. The Foundation is an independent voice and source of facts and analysis for policymakers, the media, the health care community, and the general public. KFF develops and runs its own research and communications programs, often in partnership with outside organizations. The Foundation contracts with a wide range of outside individuals and organizations through its programs. Through their policy research and communications programs, they work to provide reliable information in a health system in which the issues are increasingly complex and the nation faces difficult challenges and choices.

National Center for Health Statistics

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>

The mission of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is to provide statistical information that will guide actions and policies to improve the health of the American people. As the Nation's principal health statistics agency, NCHS leads the way with accurate, relevant, and timely data.

National Health Information Center

<http://www.health.gov/NHIC>

The National Health Information Center (NHIC) is sponsored by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP). The NHIC supports public health education and promotion by maintaining a calendar of National Health Observances. In addition, The NHIC helps connect health professionals and consumers to the organizations that can best answer their questions by providing up-to-date contact information for the most reliable resources.

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

<http://www.nhpco.org>

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), envisions a world where individuals and families facing serious illness, death, and grief will experience the best that humankind can offer. NHPCO's mission is to lead and mobilize social change for improved care at the end of life.

National Institute of Health

<http://www.nih.gov>

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), a part of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is the primary Federal agency for conducting and supporting medical research. Helping to lead the way toward important medical discoveries that improve people's health and save lives, NIH scientists investigate ways to prevent disease as well as the causes, treatments, and even cures for common and rare diseases. The web site contains a wealth of information regarding all types of medical issues, along with grant and funding opportunities, scientific resources, and training, among other things.

National Library of Medicine

www.nlm.nih.gov

The National Library of Medicine is a web-based resource of full-text documents that provide health information and support health care decision making, information for health care providers, health service researchers, and policy makers,

The Occupational and Safety Health Administration

<http://www.osha.gov>

The Occupational and Safety Health Administration(OSHA)'s mission is to assure the safety and health of

America's workers by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach, and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual improvement in workplace safety and health.

Physicians for a National Health Program

<http://www.pnhp.org>

Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP) believes that access to high-quality health care is a right of all people and should be provided equitably as a public service rather than bought and sold as a commodity. The mission of PNHP is therefore to educate physicians, other health workers, and the general public on the need for a comprehensive, high-quality, publicly-funded health care program, equitably-accessible to all of the United States.

Rhode Island Department of Health

www.health.state.ri.us

The primary mission of the Rhode Island Department of Health is to prevent disease and to protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Department of Health is a diverse and interactive state agency with broad-ranging public health responsibilities. Functions of the Health Department include communicable disease control, vital records, environmental health, minority health, chronic disease prevention, health promotion, injury control, public informational and many others. In this decade following the Year 2000, the Health Department reemphasizes its commitment to health promotion and disease prevention: keeping Rhode Islanders healthy and active from birth through old age.

The United States Department of Health & Human Services

<http://www.hhs.gov>

The Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. The Department includes more than 300 programs, covering a wide spectrum of activities. HHS represents almost one quarter of all federal outlays, and it administers more grant dollars than all other federal agencies combined. HHS' Medicare program is the nation's largest health insurer, handling more than 1 billion claims per year. Medicare and Medicaid together provide health care insurance for one in four Americans. HHS works closely with state and local governments, and many HHS-funded services are provided at the local level by state or county agencies, or through private sector grantees.

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Crossroads Rhode Island

<http://www.crossroadsri.org>

The mission of Crossroads Rhode Island is to help homeless or at-risk individuals and families secure stable homes. The individuals and families that Crossroad RI serves, achieve this by engaging in Crossroad RI's range of services including housing, basic needs, shelter, case management, referrals, and education and employment services.

Habitat for Humanity International

<http://www.habitat.org>

Habitat for Humanity International is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian housing organization. They welcome all people to join them as they build simple, decent, affordable houses in partnership with those who lack adequate shelter. Since 1976, Habitat has built more than 175, 000 houses, enabling the organization to provide shelter for nearly 900,000 people worldwide. Now at work in 100 countries, they are building a house every 26 minutes. By 2005, Habitat houses will be sheltering 1 million people. Local Habitat affiliates coordinate house building and select partner families.

Housing Network of Rhode Island

<http://www.housingnetworkri.org>

The Housing Network of Rhode Island (HNRI)'s mission is to promote public policy initiatives to preserve and increase affordable housing opportunities in the state and raise public awareness on issues related to affordable housing. The HNRI's work at the federal, state, and local levels includes public policy advocacy, community organizing, public education, collaboration. HNRI closely monitors new and existing funding sources. They have taken a lead in the state against detrimental federal budget cuts, consolidations, and regulatory changes.

National Coalition for the Homeless

<http://www.nationalhomeless.org>

The National Coalition for the Homeless, founded in 1984, is a national network of people who are currently experiencing or who have experienced homelessness, activists and advocates, community-based and faith-based service providers, and others committed to a single mission. That mission, their common bond, is to end homelessness. They are committed to creating the systemic and attitudinal changes necessary to prevent and end homelessness. At the same time, they work to meet the immediate needs of people who are currently experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of doing so. They take as their first principle of practice that people who are currently experiencing homelessness or have formerly experienced homelessness must be actively involved in all of their work.

National Low-Income Housing Coalition

<http://www.nlihc.org>

The National Low-Income Housing Coalition is dedicated solely to ending America's affordable housing crisis. They believe that this is achievable, that the affordable housing crisis is a problem that Americans are capable of solving. While they are concerned about the housing circumstances of all low income people, they focus their advocacy on those with the most serious housing problems, the lowest income households.

Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless

<http://www.rihomeless.com>

The Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless is organized to promote and preserve the dignity and quality of life for men, women, and children by pursuing comprehensive and cooperative solutions to the problems of housing and homelessness. This is accomplished through advocacy, education, collaboration, technical assistance, and selected direct services provided to homeless individuals and families, coalition members, elected officials, and the community at large.

Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation

<http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org>

The Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation assists first-time homebuyers and finances the construction of affordable apartments. Rhode Island Housing strives to ensure that all people who live or work in Rhode Island can afford a healthy, attractive home that meets their needs. A good home provides the foundation upon which individuals and families thrive, children learn and grow, and communities prosper.

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

<http://www.hud.gov>

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination, and transform the way HUD does business.

U.S. Census Bureau: Housing Topics

<http://www.census.gov/housing/>

Contains various topics related to US housing, including census data.

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Food Recovery Network

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

Food Recovery Network unites students on college campuses to fight waste and feed people by donating the surplus unsold food from their colleges and donating it to hungry Americans. Founded in 2011, FRN has grown to include chapters at more than 95 colleges and universities in 26 states, DC and Puerto Rico that have recovered over 400,000 pounds of food. Each chapter works with on-campus dining halls and other off-campus eateries to divert food from the landfill to community members in need, while also raising awareness on issues of food waste and hunger in America. By May 2015, Food Recovery Network aims to be on 150 campuses and to have donated 610,000 pounds of food.

Food Research and Action Center

<http://www.frac.org>

The Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) is the leading national nonprofit organization working to improve public policies and public-private partnerships to eradicate hunger and under nutrition in the United States. FRAC works with hundreds of national, state and local nonprofit organizations, public agencies, corporations and labor organizations to address hunger, food insecurity, and their root cause, poverty.

Rhode Island Community Food Bank

<http://www.rifoodbank.org>

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank provides food to people in need and promotes long-term solutions to the problem of hunger. The Food Bank is an innovative leader in solving the problem of hunger. In partnership with member agencies, as well as government and community leaders, The Rhode Island Community Food Bank works to ensure that no one in Rhode Island goes hungry.

Rhode Island Food Stamp Program (SNAP)

<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/FamilieswithChildren/FoodAssistance/tabid/824/Default.aspx>

The Rhode Island Department of Human Services (DHS) Food Stamp Program helps families, who may be working but are still struggling financially, to buy food and provide nutritional meals for themselves. The program, the largest food and nutrition support program in the state, is a partnership between the federal government and the state. The federal government pays the full cost of a family's food stamp benefits and approximately half of the state's cost to administer the program. Like several other DHS programs, families qualify to receive food stamp benefits based on their income, the resources they have and the size of their family. The Food Stamp Program is an important part of the services offered by DHS, but families do not need to be participating in other DHS programs, including the Family Independence Program, to receive food stamp benefits. Families can be unemployed, working, or preparing for work to qualify for food stamp benefits. Homeless families can also qualify to receive food stamp benefits.

Rhode Island Meals on Wheels

<http://www.rimeals.org>

Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island is a non-profit agency dedicated primarily to meeting nutritional and other special needs of the elderly in order to help them maintain their independent lifestyles. A meal on Wheels of Rhode Island is dedicated to helping Rhode Island's frail and elderly throughout the entire state.

The URI Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America

<http://www.uri.edu/endhunger>

The URI Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America is an educational center committed to developing solutions to the problem of hunger in Rhode Island and nationwide. The Center seeks to promote education, research, and outreach on the causes and the consequences of hunger and the study of policies and programs aimed at alleviating hunger. The Center provides multiple avenues for involvement through academic course work, research experience, volunteer opportunities, experiential and service learning credits, internships, and a minor in Hunger Studies.

MEDIA & COMMENTARY ([back](#))

Associated Press

<http://www.ap.org>

British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)

<http://www.bbc.com/news/>

Christian Science Monitor

<http://www.csmonitor.com>

CNN

<http://www.cnn.com>

Common Dreams News & Views

<http://www.commondreams.org>

C-SPAN

<http://www.c-span.org>

Dollars and Sense

<http://www.dollarsandsense.org>

The Economist

www.economist.com

The Guardian

<http://www.theguardian.com/us>

Huffington Post Online

www.huffingtonpost.com

The Independent

<http://www.independent.co.uk>

Mother Jones

<http://www.mojones.com>

National Public Radio

<http://www.npr.org>

National Review

<http://www.nationalreview.com>

Newsday

<http://www.newsday.com>

The New Standard

<http://newstandardnews.net>

The New York Times

<http://www.nytimes.com>

Online Newspapers

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

The Progressive Review

<http://www.prorev.com/index.htm>

Rhode Island Newspapers

<http://www.50states.com/news/rdisl.htm>

Time Magazine

<http://www.time.com>

United Nations News Centre

<http://www.un.org/news/>

United Press International

<http://www.upi.com>

U.S. News & World Report

<http://www.usnews.com>

UTNE

<http://www.utne.com>

The Wall Street Journal

<http://online.wsj.com/public/us>

Washington Post

<http://www.washingtonpost.com>

The Washington Times

<http://www.washingtontimes.com>

The White House News

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/index.html>

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American Enterprise Institute

<http://www.aei.org>

The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) for Public Policy Research is a private, non-partisan, not-for-profit institution dedicated to research and education on issues of government, politics, economics, and social welfare. Founded in 1943, AEI is home to some of America's most accomplished public policy experts--from economics, law, political science, defense and foreign policy studies, ethics, theology, medicine, and other fields. The American Enterprise Institute prides itself on producing leading research in several key policy areas that weave a tapestry of the organization's core beliefs: respect and support for the power of free enterprise, a strong defense centered on smart international relations, and opportunity for all to achieve the American dream.

American Public Human Services Association

<http://www.aphsa.org/content/APHSA/en/home.html>

The American Public Human Services Association, founded in 1930, is a non-profit, bi-partisan organization of state and local human service agencies and individuals who work in or are interested in public human service programs. Their mission is to develop and promote policies and practices that improve the health and well-being of families, children, and adults. They educate Congress, the media, and the general public on social policies and practices and help state and local public human service agencies achieve their desired outcomes in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, child care, child support, Medicaid, food stamps, child welfare, and other program areas and issues that affect families, the elderly, and people who are economically disadvantaged.

Brookings Institution

<http://www.brook.edu>

The Brookings Institution is a nonprofit public policy organization based in Washington, DC. Their mission is to conduct high-quality, independent research and, based on that research, to provide innovative, practical recommendations that advance three broad goals: Strengthen American democracy; Foster the economic and social welfare, security and opportunity of all Americans; and secure a more open, safe, prosperous and cooperative international system. Brookings is proud to be consistently ranked as the most influential, most quoted and most trusted think tank.

Center for Law and Social Policy

<http://www.clasp.org>

The Center for Law and Social Policy, (CLASP) promotes progressive policies on welfare reform, child support, child care, early education, workforce development, child welfare, low-income fathers, disconnected youth, and ex-offenders reentering society. In addition, CLASP has sought to secure equal justice for all Americans by promoting and protecting programs to expand access to our civil justice system for low-income persons by promoting racial justice and by stimulating innovations in the delivery of civil legal assistance.

Center for Policy Research

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

The Center for Policy Research (CPR) is a private, nonprofit research agency founded in 1981 to work with public and private sector service providers to plan, develop, and test projects that improve the effectiveness and efficiency of human service agencies and the justice, health and education systems. CPR provides comprehensive consulting, facilitation and survey research services and specializes in demonstration, evaluation, and basic research dealing with a broad array of services.

The Center for Study of Responsive Law

<http://www.csrl.org>

The Center for Study of Responsive Law is a non-profit Ralph Nader organization that supports and conducts a wide variety of research and educational projects to encourage the political, economic and social institutions of this country to be more aware of the needs of the citizen-consumer. The Center publishes a variety of reports on a number of public interest issues.

The Century Foundation

<http://www.tcf.org>

The Century Foundation is non-profit and non-partisan. The Century Foundation conducts public policy research and analyses of economic, social, and foreign policy issues, including inequality, retirement security, election reform, media studies, homeland security, and international affairs. The foundation produces books, reports, and other publications, convenes task forces and working groups, and operates eight informational web sites.

Citizens Advocacy Center

<http://www.citizenadvocacycenter.org>

The Citizen Advocacy is a non-profit, non-partisan community legal organization dedicated to building democracy for the 21st century. Center community lawyers and volunteers focus on strengthening the citizenry's capacity and motivation to participate in civic affairs, building community resources, and improving democratic protocols within our community institutions. Through public education, community organizing, issue advocacy, and precedent-setting litigation in state and federal courts, the Center forges ahead with programs to advance civic life. The Center is a free public resource to the community.

Coalition on Human Needs

<http://www.chn.org>

The Coalition on Human Needs (CHN) is an alliance of national organizations working together to promote public policies which address the needs of low-income and other vulnerable populations. The Coalition's members include civil rights, religious, labor and professional organizations and those concerned with the well-being of children, women, the elderly and people with disabilities.

Economic Policy Institute

<http://www.epi.org>

The Economic Policy Institute (EPI) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank created in 1986 to include the needs of low- and middle-income workers in economic policy discussions. EPI believes every working person deserves a good job with fair pay, affordable health care, and retirement security. To achieve this goal, EPI conducts research and analysis on the economic status of working America.

Economic Progress Institute

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

The Economic Progress Institute works to promote economic security for low- and modest-income Rhode Islanders and ensure tax policies are equitable and adequate to fund public services. The Economic Progress Institute accomplishes this through research, policy analysis, education and advocacy.

Hudson Institute

<http://www.hudson.org>

Hudson Institute is an independent research organization that works to promote new ideas for the advancement of global security, prosperity and freedom. Founded in 1961 by strategist Herman Kahn, Hudson Institute challenges conventional thinking and helps manage strategic transitions to the future through interdisciplinary studies in defense, international relations, economics, health care, technology, culture, and law. Hudson seeks to guide public policy makers and global leaders in government and business through a vigorous program of publications, conferences, policy briefings, and recommendations.

The Independent Institute

<http://www.independent.org>

The Independent Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan, scholarly research and educational organization that sponsors in-depth studies of critical social and economic issues. The mission of the Independent Institute is to boldly advance peaceful, prosperous, and free societies grounded in a commitment to human worth and dignity.

The Institute for Global Communications

<http://www.igc.org>

Beginning in 1987, the Institute for Global Communications (IGC) played a formative role in bringing advanced communications technologies to grassroots organizations worldwide working for peace, human rights, environmental sustainability, women's rights, conflict resolution and worker rights. Our flagship global computer networks -- PeaceNet, EcoNet, WomensNet, ConflictNet, LaborNet and AntiRacismNet -- became trademark names in the struggle for democratic use of the media and the world's communications infrastructure.

Institute for Research on Poverty

<http://www.irp.wisc.edu>

The Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), established in 1966, is a nonprofit and nonpartisan university-based center primarily used for conducting research into the causes and consequences of poverty and social inequality in the United States.

Institute on Race and Poverty

<http://www.irpumn.org>

The Institute on Race & Poverty (IRP) investigates the ways that policies and practices disproportionately affect people of color and the disadvantaged. A core purpose for IRP's work is to ensure that people have access to opportunity. Another is to help the places where people live develop in ways that both promote access to opportunity and help maintain regional stability. The Institute is directed by Myron Orfield, associate professor of law at the University of Minnesota Law School.

National Bureau of Economic Research

<http://www.nber.org>

The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) is a private, non-profit, non-partisan research organization dedicated to promoting a greater understanding of how the economy works. The NBER is committed to undertaking and disseminating unbiased economic research among public policymakers, business professionals, and the academic community. Over the years the Bureau's research agenda has encompassed a wide variety of issues that confront our society.

Ocean State Action

<http://usaction.org/ri/>

Ocean State Action (OSA) is a proudly progressive coalition of community organizations, environmental groups, professional associations, and labor unions working together to win public policy and political victories for economic, social and environmental justice. The Ocean State Action vision for Rhode Island is to build a community where the ideals of equality, justice and the common good prevail, where businesses thrive and where every Rhode Islander has access to quality health care, education, housing and livable wage jobs that support them and their families in achieving their fullest potential. The Ocean State Action does this by focusing on coalition building, community organizing, and leadership training, and lobbying for quality public policies that increase opportunities for every Rhode Islander to work, learn and stay well.

The RAND Corporation

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

The RAND Corporation is a non-profit institution that helps improve policy and decision making through research and analysis. For nearly 60 years, decision makers in the public and private sectors have turned to the RAND Corporation for objective analysis and effective solutions that address the challenges facing the nation and the world. These challenges include tackling critical social and economic issues such as education, poverty, crime, and the environment, as well as a range of national security issues.

Urban Institute

<http://www.urban.org>

The mission of the Urban Institute is to open minds, shape decisions, and offer solutions through economic and social policy research. The Urban Institute believes in the power of evidence to improve lives and strengthen communities. The Urban Institute analyses and recommendations help expand opportunities for all people, reduce hardship among the most vulnerable, and strengthen the effectiveness of the public sector.

The Worldwatch Institute

<http://www.worldwatch.org>

Through research and outreach that inspire action, the Worldwatch Institute works to accelerate the transition to a sustainable world that meets human needs. The Institute's top mission objectives are universal access to renewable energy and nutritious food, expansion of environmentally sound jobs and development, transformation of cultures from consumerism to sustainability, and an early end to population growth through healthy and intentional childbearing.

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The Open Government Guide

<http://www.rcfp.org/open-government-guide>

This website contains comprehensive information on local and federal government resources.

The Library of Congress

<https://www.congress.gov/>

This site provides access to accurate, timely, and complete legislative information for Members of Congress, legislative agencies, and the public. It is presented by the Library of Congress (LOC) using data from the Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rhode Island Board of Elections

<http://www.elections.state.ri.us>

The Board of Elections is the state agency of dedicated professionals responsible for regulating various aspects of the elections process within Rhode Island.

Rhode Island General Assembly

<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us>

Rhode Island Government Online

<http://www.ri.gov>

Rhode Island Secretary of State

<http://sos.ri.gov>

United States Bureau of Labor Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov>

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is the principal fact-finding agency for the Federal Government in the broad field of labor economics and statistics.

United States Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov>

This website allows visitors to research into recent and past U.S. census data. Visitors to this website can also find research data on a specific town, city, county, or state.

The United States Department of Agriculture

<http://www.usda.gov>

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) web site provides information on national food and agricultural policy, including education and outreach, research and science, and rural and community development.

United States General Accountability Office

<http://www.gao.gov>

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is an independent, nonpartisan agency that works for Congress. Often called the "congressional watchdog," GAO investigates how the federal government spends taxpayer dollars. The GAO mission is to support the Congress in meeting its constitutional responsibilities and to help improve the performance and ensure the accountability of the federal government for the benefit of the American people. The GAO provides Congress with timely information that is objective, fact-based, nonpartisan, nonideological, fair, and balanced.

United States House of Representatives

<http://www.house.gov>

United States Senate

<http://www.senate.gov>

United States Supreme Court Collection

<http://thomas.loc.gov/teachers/supremecourt.html>

The collection of U.S. Supreme Court decisions is archived by topic, author, and party. Also includes the most recent decisions made by the court.

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Council on Social Work Education

<http://www.cswe.org>

CSWE administers social work curricula for institutions of social work education across the country and provides a listing of all accredited MSW and Ph.D. Social Work programs in the nation.

Help Starts Here

<http://www.helpstartshere.org>

This site is a source for professional advice across all disciplines including families, mental health, aging, and illness. It includes real-life stories, tips, and an array of other resources.

National Association of Black Social Workers

<http://www.nabsw.org>

The National Association of Black Social Workers, Inc., comprised of people of African ancestry, is committed to enhancing the quality of life and empowering people of African ancestry through advocacy, human services delivery, and research.

National Association of Social Workers

<http://www.naswdc.org>

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 132,000 members. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.

National Association of Social Workers, Rhode Island Chapter

<http://www.rinasw.info>

The National Association of Rhode Island (NASW-RI) Chapter is dedicated to providing services which promotes civil rights, social and economic justice for all Rhode Islanders, the profession, their members and the people they service.

Schools of Social Work

Boston College

<http://www.bc.edu/schools/gssw>

Boston University

<http://www.bu.edu/ssw>

Bridgewater State

<http://www.bridgew.edu/SocialWork/grad.cfm>

Rhode Island College

<http://www.ric.edu/socialwork>

Providence College

<http://www.providence.edu/social-work/Pages/default.aspx>

Salve Regina University

<http://www.salve.edu/departments/swk/resources.cfm>

Smith College

<http://www.smith.edu/ssw>

University of Connecticut

<http://www.ssw.uconn.edu>

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The Ability Project

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

The Ability Project was established in response to the growing need to assist adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities transition from home and school to a permanent place in their community. The mission of the Ability Project is to create a 'community within a community' in which adults with developmental disabilities are able to live, work, learn, relax and play independently within an existing, larger community, Develop a social service model that utilizes but does not depend upon available government funding and is affordable as possible, Become a safe, sustainable and permanent residential, employment and social structure for the lives a developmentally disabled adults and to serve as a model for the establishment of similar communities by like-minded families anywhere and everywhere.

Alzheimer's Foundation of America

<http://www.alzfdn.org>

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) was founded by a group of organizations to fill the gap that existed on a national level to assure quality of care and excellence in service to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related illnesses, and to their caregivers and families. The mission of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) is "to provide optimal care and services to individuals confronting dementia, and to their caregivers and families-through member organizations dedicated to improving quality of life."

American Foundation for the Blind

<http://www.afb.org>

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) is a national non-profit that expands possibilities for people with vision loss. The American Foundation for the Blind removes barriers, creates solutions, and expands possibilities so people with vision loss can achieve their full potential. AFB envisions a world where people with vision loss have equal access and opportunities.

The Arc

<http://www.thearc.org>

Officially opened in October 2005, The Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Campus (THEARC) is a \$27 million, 110,000 square-foot campus located east of the Anacostia River in Washington, DC's Ward 8. THEARC is a home away from home for the many underserved children and adults of East of the River, enabling them to participate in dance classes, music instruction, fine arts, academics, continuing education, mentoring, tutoring, recreation, medical and dental care, and other services at a substantially reduced cost or no cost at all.

Attention Deficit Disorder Association

<http://www.add.org>

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA) provides information, resources and networking opportunities to help adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder lead better lives. The ADDA provides hope, empowerment and connections worldwide by bringing together science and the human experience for both adults with ADHD and professionals who serve them.

The Autism Project

<http://theautismproject.org>

The Autism Project is a dedicated group of parents, teachers, speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists and other related professionals. Their mission is to create a comprehensive system of services to support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families. The Project works to ensure children with ASD benefit from an appropriate education and related therapeutic services within their local school, community and at home. Their programs educate parents and families in their newest role as teacher, but more importantly as mom and dad.

Autism Society of America

<http://www.autism-society.org>

The Autism Society of America (ASA) exists to improve the lives of all affected by autism. They do this by increasing public awareness about the day-to-day issues faced by people on the spectrum, advocating for appropriate services for individuals across the lifespan, and providing the latest information regarding treatment, education, research and advocacy.

Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island

<http://www.biausa.org/RI/index.htm>

The Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island is a statewide organization dedicated to providing support, education, advocacy, research and prevention. Whether you are a person with a brain injury, a family member or friend of someone affected by brain injury, a professional working in this field, or an interested member of the general public, the Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island hopes to be of service to you. The Brain Injury Association of RI mission is "To prevent brain injury and to enhance the lives of those affected by brain injury".

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

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

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)'s mission statement is to improve the lives of people affected by ADHD. In working towards our mission, the behavior of the CHADD staff and volunteer leadership is determined by the following core values: Integrity, Respectful, open communication, Quality of our work product and productivity in our work effort, to assure sustained customer satisfaction, Flexibility and teamwork, A demonstrated commitment to diversity in all its forms and dedication to fulfilling CHADD's mission with passion and enthusiasm

Disabilities Statistics Center

<http://www.dsc.ucsf.edu/main.php>

The Disability Statistics Center produces and disseminates policy-relevant statistical information on the demographics and status of people with disabilities in American society. The Center's work focuses on how that status is changing over time with regard to employment, access to technology, health care, community-based services, and other aspects of independent living and participation in society.

Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island, Inc.

<http://www.dssri.org>

The Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island (DSSRI) is dedicated to promoting the rights, dignity and potential of all individuals with Down Syndrome through advocacy, education, public awareness, and support. They offer quarterly membership meetings (open to the public), quarterly newsletters, a lending library, public awareness activities and conferences, as well as support and personal assistance on educational and medical issues.

Epilepsy Foundation New England

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

The mission of the Epilepsy Foundation New England is to stop seizures and Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP), find a cure and overcome the challenges created by epilepsy through efforts including education, advocacy and research to accelerate ideas into therapies.

Family Voices

<http://www.familyvoices.org>

Family Voices aims to achieve family-centered care for all children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities. Throughout their national grassroots network, Family Voices provide families resources and support to make informed decisions, advocate for improved public and private policies, build partnerships among families and professionals, and serve as a trusted resource on health care.

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

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

The State of Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Disabilities mission is to ensure that all people with disabilities are afforded the opportunities to exercise all the rights and responsibilities accorded to citizens of this state and each person with a disability is able to reach his/her maximum potential in independence, human development, productivity and self-sufficiency.

Lyme Disease Foundation, Inc.

<http://www.lyme.org>

The Lyme Disease Foundation (LDF) is the premier non-profit dedicated to finding solutions for tick-borne disorders. Realizing the ability to find solutions involves a multi-discipline effort, the LDF includes the four cornerstones of progress (businesses, patients, government, and the medical community) to work together to find solutions to tick-borne disorders.

The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center

<http://ectacenter.org/>

The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC) serves as the U.S. Office of Special Education Programs' national resource for states on implementing the early childhood provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). NECTAC works with leadership personnel from all states and other U.S. affiliated jurisdictions to strengthen service systems to ensure that children with disabilities and other special needs and their families receive and benefit from high quality,

culturally appropriate, and family centered supports and services.

National Federation of the Blind

<https://nfb.org/>

The National Federation of the Blind is the largest organization of blind and low-vision people in the United States. Founded in 1940, the Federation has grown to over fifty-thousand members.

The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. The National Federation of the Blind works daily to raise the expectations of blind people, because they believe that low expectations create obstacles between blind people and their dreams.

National Organization for Rare Disorders

<http://www.rarediseases.org>

The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD), a 501(c)(3) organization, is a unique federation of voluntary health organizations dedicated to helping people with rare "orphan" diseases and assisting the organizations that serve them. NORD is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and service.

Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights

<http://www.pacer.org>

The mission of PACER Center (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights) is to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents.

The Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities

<http://www.ric.edu/sherlockcenter/>

The Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, founded at Rhode Island College in 1993, is a University Center on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, & Service. Since 1963, University Centers on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs) have worked towards a shared vision that individuals with disabilities participate fully in their communities. Independence, productivity, and community inclusion are key components of this vision.

Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council

<http://www.riddc.org>

The Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council believes that people with developmental disabilities should fully participate in community life. Men, women, and children should be able to enjoy family life. Children and adolescents should go to school. Adults should work. All should have decent homes, have friends, and live as independently as possible.

Rhode Island Disability Law Center

<http://www.ridlc.org>

Rhode Island Disability Law Center (RIDLC) provides free legal assistance to persons with disabilities. Services include individual representation to protect rights or to secure benefits and services; self-help information; educational programs; and administrative and legislative advocacy. The agency administers eight federally funded advocacy programs, each of which has its own eligibility criteria.

TechACCESS of Rhode Island

<http://www.techaccess-ri.org/>

TechACCESS believes that an informed consumer working collaboratively with knowledgeable professionals can best identify and select effective technology devices and services to improve his or her

independent functioning. To achieve this, their programs are offered to assistive technology users, families, educational and therapeutic professionals and others interested in learning more about assistive technology.

United Cerebral Palsy of Rhode Island

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

United Cerebral Palsy of Rhode Island is dedicated to advancing the independence, productivity and full citizenship of individuals with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. We offer a wide range of high quality supports for children and adults, from home-based therapeutic services, to community-based activities and supported living

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A New Leaf Center

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

The New Leaf Center provides quality individualized outpatient mental health and addiction treatment. Counseling services for relationship and marriage problems, depression, stress, boundary issues, drug/alcohol problems, sexual addiction, trauma resolution, and other mental health issues are provided by experienced, highly trained, master's level, licensed therapists.

Cookie Place

<http://cookieplace.org/>

The Cookie Place founded in 1982, provides supported job training and professional development to people with disabilities. Today, their goals are to operate a competitive and sustainable food service business which provides high-quality cookies and food items at retail, to help adults with psychiatric disorders become as productive and independent as possible, through job training, placement and employment and to benefit their community, funding partners, vendors, employees and their dedicated staff with quality services and profitable product.

Mental Health America

<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/>

Mental Health America (MHA) founded in 1909, is the nation's leading community-based network dedicated to helping all Americans achieve wellness by living mentally healthier lives.

Mental Health Association of Rhode Island

<http://www.mhari.org>

The mission of the Mental Health Association of Rhode Island is to promote mental health, prevent mental illness, and to improve the system of care for mental health through advocacy, education, service, and the dissemination of research.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

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

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raise awareness and build a community for hope for all of those in need.

The National Institute of Mental Health

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov>

The mission of The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), is to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses through basic and clinical research, paving the way for prevention, recovery, and cure. In order for the Institute to continue fulfilling this vital public health mission, it must foster innovative thinking and ensure that a full array of novel scientific perspectives are used to further discovery in the evolving science of brain, behavior, and experience. In this way, breakthroughs in science can become breakthroughs for all people with mental illnesses.

Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Organizations

<http://www.riccmho.org>

The Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Organizations (RICCMHO) mission is to promote a collaborative, coordinated system of high quality, comprehensive community-based mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services. RICCMHO is driven by the needs of the clients and communities our members serve, and so this organization accomplishes their mission through collaboration, advocacy and training.

Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

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

The Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, is committed to assuring access to quality services and supports for Rhode Islanders with developmental disabilities, mental health and substance abuse issues, and chronic long term medical and psychiatric conditions. Our mission includes addressing the stigma attached to these disabilities as well as planning for the development of new services and prevention activities.

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American Association for Retired Persons

<http://www.aarp.org>

The American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization for people age 50 and over. **AARP is dedicated to enhancing quality of life for all people as they age. AARP helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment security and retirement planning. AARP advocates for consumers in the marketplace by selecting products and services of high quality and value to carry the AARP name as well as help our members obtain discounts on a wide range of products, travel, and services.**

The Administration for Community Living

<http://www.acl.gov/>

The Administration for Community Living mission is to maximize the independence, well-being, and health of older adults, people with disabilities across the lifespan, and their families and caregivers.

Care Link

<http://carelink-ri.com/>

CareLink is a nonprofit management service organization that provides key strategic business activities to its members and consultation services to other health care providers.

CareLink's mission is to lead and develop a better long term care system through collaboration and innovation by supporting our members who serve older adults and adults with disabilities.

Eldercare Locator

<http://www.eldercare.gov>

The Eldercare Locator, a public service of the Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is a nationwide service that connects older Americans and their caregivers with information on senior services.

The Gerontological Society of America

<http://www.geron.org>

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) is a non-profit professional organization. The Gerontological Society of America is the oldest and largest interdisciplinary organization devoted to research, education, and practice in the field of aging. GSA's principal mission is to advance the study of aging and disseminate information among scientists, decision makers, and the general public. The Society, founded in 1945, is the driving force behind the advancement of gerontology both domestically and internationally.

Gray Panthers

<http://www.graypanthers.org>

The Gray Panthers work for social and economic justice and peace for all people. The Gray Panther vision is to create a humane society that puts the needs of people over profits, responsibility over power, and democracy over institutions.

HelpAge International

<http://www.helpage.org>

HelpAge International is a global network of not-for-profit organizations with a mission to help older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty, so that they can lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives.

Leading Age

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

Leading Age is an association of 6,000 not-for-profit organizations dedicated to expanding the world of possibilities for aging. We advance policies, promote practices and conduct research that supports, enables and empowers people to live fully as they age. The LeadingAge mission include expanding the world of possibilities for aging.

The Point

<http://adrc.ohhs.ri.gov>

The Point is Rhode Island's resource place for seniors and adults with disabilities. The Point provides information, referrals, and help getting started with programs and services for seniors, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers.

Rhode Island Assisted Living Association

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

The Rhode Island Assisted Living Association represents the interests of assisted living communities in Rhode Island by advocating for the highest level of independence and quality of life for their residents

Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs

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

The Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs mission is to preserve the independence, dignity, and

capacity for choice for seniors, adults with disabilities, families and caregivers.

Rhode Island Meals on Wheels

<http://www.rimeals.org>

Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island (MOW-RI) is a non-profit agency dedicated primarily to meeting nutritional and other special needs of the elderly in order to help them maintain their independent lifestyles. A meal on Wheels serves approximately 3,000 meals per day through the congregate meal site and home delivered programs. Approximately 38% of MOW clients live alone. In addition, 22% of their clients live in poverty.

Senior Agenda Coalition of RI

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

The Senior Agenda Coalition is a diverse coalition of activists and groups that advocate for the elderly organized to develop a common agenda to improve the quality of life of older Rhode Islanders.

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International Association of the Schools of Social Work

<http://www.iassw-aiets.org>

The International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) is an international association of institutions of social work education, organizations supporting social work education and social work educators. Its mission is to develop and promote excellence in social work education, research and scholarship globally in order to enhance human wellbeing, to create and maintain a dynamic community of social work educators and their programs, to support and facilitate participation in mutual exchanges of information and expertise, to represent social work education at the international level.

International Council on Social Welfare.

<http://www.icsw.org>

The International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW)'s basic mission is to promote forms of social and economic development which aim to reduce poverty, hardship and vulnerability throughout the world, especially amongst disadvantaged people. It strives for recognition and protection of fundamental rights to food, shelter, education, health care and security. It believes that these rights are an essential foundation for freedom, justice and peace. It seeks also to advance equality of opportunity, freedom of self-expression and access to human services.

International Federation of Social Workers

<http://www.ifsw.org>

The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) is a global organization striving for social justice, human rights and social development through the promotion of social work, best practice models and the facilitation of international cooperation.

International Social Service

<http://www.iss-ssi.org>

The International Social Service (ISS) is an international non-governmental organization dedicated to helping individuals and families with personal or social problems resulting from migration and international movement. ISS's national branches, affiliated bureau and correspondents in over 100 countries facilitate communication between social services to resolve these problems.

Social Work & Society

<http://www.socwork.net>

Social Work and Society is dedicated to a critical analysis of the relationship between social work, social policy, the state and economic forces. It provides a forum in which conventional views can be challenged, theories about the status and mission of social work in society can be developed and ways for social work to act politically and responsibly can be identified. The journal aims to engage in truly international debate by including discussants from countries all over the world. In doing so, it is committed to constructing discursive relationships between research, theory, education and practice. It aims at widening the scholarly discourse to critical, user-accessible debates on current developments concerning the broad field of social work and society in all parts of the world.

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Association of Social Work Boards

<http://www.aswb.org>

The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) is the nonprofit organization composed of and owned by the social work regulatory boards and colleges of 49 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and all 10 Canadian provinces. We are the only nonprofit organization dedicated to social work regulation. Their mission is to strengthen protection of the public by providing support and services to our member boards.

Council of Social Work Education Accredited Programs List

<http://www.cswe.org/Accreditation/Accredited-Programs.aspx>

List of BSW and MSW CSWE Accredited Programs.

Online Masters in Social Work

<http://www.mastersinsocialwork.net/online-directory/>

This site was created to help answer the pressing questions you have about pursuing a master's in the dynamic field of social work.

The Social Work Policy Institute

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

The mission of the Social Work Policy Institute (SWPI), a think tank established within the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Foundation, is to strengthen social work's voice in public policy deliberations, to inform policy-makers through the collection and dissemination of information on social work effectiveness, to create a forum to examine current and future issues in health care and social service delivery.

School Social Work Association of America

<http://www.sswaa.org>

The School Social Work Association of America (SWAA) empowers school social workers and promotes the profession of school social work to enhance the social and emotional growth and academic outcomes of all students.

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American Red Cross Rhode Island Chapter

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

The American Red Cross Rhode Island Chapter is a volunteer led humanitarian organization that provides immediate relief to individuals affected by disasters, and helps people prevent, prepare for, and

respond to emergencies. It accomplishes this mission through services that are consistent with its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross movement.

Center for Voting and Democracy

<http://www.fairvote.org>

Fair Vote educates and enlivens discourse on how best to remove the structural barriers to a democracy that respects every voice and every vote in every election. With its unique networks, analysis, strategic insight and body of research, Fair Vote acts as a catalyst for electoral reform and voting rights through regular engagement with scholars, journalists, civic leaders, policymakers, and state and local reformers.

Cyber bullying: A Resource for School Social workers

<http://www.onlinemswprograms.com/features/cyberbullying-a-resource-for-school-social-workers.html>

Cyber bullying is one of the biggest challenges that school social workers currently face. This in-depth resource explains the psychological, emotional, and social effects of cyberbullying, and how school social workers can address cyber bullying at their school(s) and in their community.

Information for Practice

<http://ifp.nyu.edu/>

Information for Practice's mission is to help social service professionals throughout the world conveniently maintain an awareness of news regarding the profession and emerging scholarship.

Nonviolence United

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

Nonviolence United's vision is a world driven by the innate goodness of people and their values of justice, kindness, and compassion for other people, for the planet, and for animals. The purpose of this website is to start a world revolution based on compassion and personal responsibility.

Physicians for Social Responsibility

<http://www.psr.org>

Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) have been working for more than 50 years to create a healthy, just and peaceful world for both the present and future generations. PSR advocates on the issues you care about by addressing the dangers that threaten communities, using our medical and public health expertise to prevent nuclear war and proliferation; Reverse our trajectory towards climate change; protect the public and our environment from toxic chemicals; Eliminate the use of nuclear power.

Project Vote Smart

<http://www.vote-smart.org>

This resource assists those who are interested in learning more about the voting process, electoral process and political issues.

Union of Concerned Scientists

<http://www.ucsusa.org>

Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) is an independent nonprofit alliance of concerned citizens and scientists. Scientists and engineers develop and implement innovative, practical solutions to some of our planet's most pressing problems from combating global warming and developing sustainable ways to feed, power, and transport ourselves, to fighting misinformation and reducing the threat of nuclear war.

United Nations

<http://www.un.org/en/>

The United Nations website contains statistical data, reports, program information, and information on various affairs around the world

World Health Organization

<http://www.who.int>

World Health Organization (WHO) is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends.

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