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## **NASW - RI 2013 LINKS CD Instructions & Contents**

“LINKS,” a compact disc 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 CD 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 ACF, within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is responsible for federal programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities. This web site contains resources related to child and family welfare.

### 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>

A resource rich with information about all issues related to child welfare, including state-by-state statistical information, an adoption directory and related resources, child welfare law, a mechanism 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>

CHADD is the nation's leading non-profit organization serving individuals with AD/HD and their families. CHADD has over 16,000 members in 200 local chapters throughout the U.S. Chapters offer support for individuals, parents, teachers, and professionals. This site contains recent research on AD/HD as well as resources for public policy issues regarding AD/HD, and for individuals and families.

### National Center for Children in Poverty

<http://www.nccp.org>

The NCCP is a non-profit, non-partisan research and policy organization at Columbia University. Their mission is to identify and promote strategies that prevent child poverty in the United States and that improve the lives of low-income children and families. They conduct research of policies that promote three goals: 1. economically securing families; 2. children entering school ready to succeed; 3. supporting stable, nurturing families. This site contains a wealth of statistical information and reports on child and family welfare.

### National Children's Alliance

<http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org>

The NCA is a nationwide not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote and support communities in providing a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to victims of severe child abuse. NCA is a membership organization providing services to Children's Advocacy Centers, multi-disciplinary teams, and professionals across the country. This site contains research publications, membership information, and links to state NCA chapters.

### Parent Support Network of Rhode Island

<http://www.psnri.org>

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>

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>

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>

The web site of Women & Infants Hospital, located in Providence, RI, contains information about hospital services as well as research on infants, children, and maternity.

### **Civil & Human Rights ([back](#))**

#### **American Civil Liberties Union**

<http://www.aclu.org>

The mission of the ACLU is to defend and promote the civil rights enshrined 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>

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>

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 of 12 organizations working together with over 3,000 partners in more than 100 countries to find lasting solutions to poverty, suffering and injustice. With many of the causes of poverty global in nature, the 12 affiliate members of Oxfam International believe they can achieve greater impact through their collective efforts. Oxfam International seeks increased worldwide public understanding that economic and social justice is crucial to sustainable development. They strive to be a global campaigning force promoting the awareness and motivation that comes with global citizenship while seeking to shift public opinion in order to make equity the same priority as economic growth

**United States Institute for Peace**

<http://www.usip.org>

The mandate of the United States Institute of Peace, as established by Congress, is to support the development, transmission, and use of knowledge to promote peace and curb violent international conflict.

**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>

ASAM is the nation's medical specialty society dedicated to educating physicians and improving the treatment of individuals suffering from alcoholism and other addictions. ASAM is an association of physicians dedicated to improving the treatment of alcoholism and other addictions, educating physicians and medical students, promoting research and prevention, and enlightening and informing the medical community and the public about these issues.

### Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse

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

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>

DATA offers a wide range of courses for prevention and treatment practitioners as well as training for program supervisors.

### Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery

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

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 Mission of the National Council on Problem Gambling 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>

NIDA supports over 85 percent of the world's research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction. NIDA supported science addresses the most fundamental and essential questions about drug abuse,

ranging from the molecule to managed care, and from DNA to community outreach research.

#### **North American Training Institute**

<http://www.nati.org>

The institute provides gambling addiction clinical coursework, prevention programs and pertinent literature for education.

#### **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), was established by an act of Congress in 1992 under Public Law 102-321. It was created to focus attention, programs, and funding on improving the lives of people with or at risk for mental and substance abuse disorders.

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#### **Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum**

<http://www.apiahf.org>

The 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.

#### **CHISPA Center for Hispanic Policy and Advocacy**

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

CHISPA is a multi-service, non-profit community-based organization located in Providence. Its mission is to provide quality, comprehensive services that promote education, economic development, leadership, and social progress for Latinos and other immigrants.

#### **Index of Native American Resources on the Net**

<http://www.hanksville.org/NAresources>

This website is a virtual library focusing on American Indians.

#### **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 Advanced 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>

Since 1970 The National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI), a non-profit organization, has provided and supported programs, workshops, and resources for African American children, their parents and communities. Through hands-on service and community-outreach programs, NBCDI initiates positive change for the health, welfare, and educational needs of all African American children.

### **National Council of La Raza**

<http://www.nclr.org>

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://www.nul.org>

Established in 1910, The 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.

### **NativeWeb Home Page**

<http://www.nativeweb.org>

NativeWeb 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.

## **Labor ([back](#))**

### **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 AFL-CIO web site contains analyses on labor issues including healthcare, living wage, labor rights, etc. It also contains numerous links to other sources of labor information.

### **The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO**

<http://www.afscme.org>

AFSCME is 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. The web site contains resources for political and legislative action, and includes employment opportunities. It also contains links to labor information, including its own analyses of labor and healthcare issues.

### **Industrial Workers of the World (“Wobblies”)**

<http://www.iww.org>

The 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, 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. To that end, 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.

### **LaborNet@IGC Home Page**

<http://www.labornet.org>

LaborNet 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>

An association of senior human resource executives that provide labor policy analyses on topics that include compensation, union organizing, healthcare, immigration, trade/labor issues, etc.

### **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. In carrying out this mission, the Department administers a variety of Federal labor laws including those that guarantee workers' rights to safe and healthful working conditions; a minimum hourly wage and overtime pay; freedom from employment discrimination; unemployment insurance; and other income support.

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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. The Fenway provides high quality, comprehensive health care in a welcoming environment. The health center seeks to improve the overall health of the larger community, locally and nationally, through education and training, policy and advocacy, and research and evaluation. The services provided by Fenway Community Health in Boston include primary health care, specialty care (HIV/AIDS, obstetrics, gynecology, gerontology, podiatry and nutritional counseling), mental health and addictions services, complementary therapies (chiropractic, massage, and acupuncture), health promotion, violence prevention and recovery, family and parenting services, including alternative insemination. Fenway operates the nation's first community-based HIV research program. The program has been conducting long-term epidemiological research since 1985.

### **Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders**

[www.glad.org](http://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 GLBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.**

#### **Marriage Equality of Rhode Island**

<http://www.marriageequalityri.org>

**MERI 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>

**PFLAG 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. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides 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/Rhode Island**

<http://www.sageri.org>

**SAGE is an intergenerational and culturally diverse social organization whose goal is to empower elder lesbians and gay men to take part in decision-making that affects their lives. SAGE is dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our community by providing high quality programs, services and emotional support in a safe environment that affirms age, gender, racial, religious, ethnic and social equality. As an organization, SAGE is further committed to supporting the rights of gay men and lesbians in the larger community and to fostering and promoting greater understanding and more positive images of gay men and lesbians' aging.**

#### **Youth Pride Inc.**

<http://www.youthpride-ri.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>

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 it. 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.

### The Family Violence Prevention Fund

<http://www.endabuse.org>

For more than two decades, the FVPF has worked to end violence against women and children around the world. Instrumental in developing the landmark Violence Against Women Act passed by Congress in 1994, the FVPF has continued to break new ground by reaching new audiences including men and youth, promoting leadership within communities to ensure that violence prevention efforts become self-sustaining, and transforming the way health care providers, police, judges, employers and others address violence.

### The Feminist Majority Foundation

<http://www.feminist.org>

The FMF, which was founded in 1987, is a cutting edge organization dedicated to women's equality, reproductive health, and non-violence. In all spheres, FMF utilizes research and action to empower women economically, socially, and politically. Our organization believes that feminists - both women and men, girls and boys - are the majority, but this majority must be empowered.

### NARAL Pro-Choice America

<http://www.naral.org>

NARAL believes in a culture of freedom and responsibility, that women have the intelligence and thoughtfulness to make decisions about their health with their families, their physicians, and their faith, that government and politicians should not interfere in

our personal lives – and that people should be empowered to make the right decisions for themselves. NARAL Pro-Choice America is committed to advancing these values. They are committed to protecting the right to choose and electing candidates who will promote policies to prevent unintended pregnancy.

### **National Organization for Women**

<http://www.now.org>

NOW is the largest organization of feminist activists in the United States. NOW has 500,000 contributing members and 550 chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. NOW's goal is to take action to bring about equality for all women since its founding in 1966. NOW works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society; secure abortion, birth control and reproductive rights for all women; end all forms of violence against women; eradicate racism, sexism and homophobia; and promote equality and justice in our society.

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

<http://www.ourbodiesourselves.org>

Our Bodies Ourselves (OBOS), also known as the Boston Women's Health Book Collective (BWHBC), is a non-profit, public interest women's health education, advocacy, and consulting organization. Beginning in 1970 with the publication of the first edition of *Our Bodies, Ourselves* and continuing for over 35 years, OBOS has inspired the women's health movement by producing a book that makes accurate health and medical information accessible to a broad audience by weaving women's stories into a framework of practical, clearly written text. OBOS provides clear, truthful information about health, sexuality and reproduction from a feminist and consumer perspective. They vigorously advocate for women's health by challenging the institutions and systems that block women from full control over their bodies and devalue their lives. They remain one of the few women's health groups in the U.S. that doesn't accept funds from pharmaceutical companies and that tries to be scrupulous about conflict of interest. They believe their work should reflect a global perspective, recognizing that there are no borders to the problems of women's health and well being.

### **Planned Parenthood**

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

Planned Parenthood is the nation's leading sexual and reproductive health care advocate and provider. Planned Parenthood offers high-quality health care, including birth control and family planning, gynecological care, STI/STD testing and treatment, pregnancy testing, and abortion services. They advocate for expanded access to these services, drawing on a base of 3.5 million activists and supporters. They also work with allies worldwide to ensure that all women and men have the right and the means to meet their sexual and reproductive health care needs.

### **Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island**

<http://www.plannedparenthood.org/ppsne>

**The mission of Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island is to advance the fundamental right of every person to reproductive self-determination through education, advocacy, protection of the right to privacy and access to comprehensive, quality health care services. Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island envisions a future where we serve a community in which women and men are able to make informed personal decisions concerning their sexual and reproductive lives free of public interference and societal bias — a world in which every child is a wanted child.**

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

<http://www.ricadv.org>

**The Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV) was incorporated in 1979 to assist and support Rhode Island's shelters for battered women in statewide planning, program development, systems advocacy and public education/prevention. In addition to providing support to member agencies, RICADV also works both locally and nationally to improve public policy on the issue of domestic violence. Locally, the Coalition and its members develop an interdisciplinary community response to the problem of domestic violence by working with the Attorney General's Task Force, the Crime Victims Service Providers Steering Committee, the RI Emergency Food & Shelter Board, the RI Housing Commission's Office of Homeless and Affordable Housing, the Department of Human Services Welfare Implementation Committee and the Violence Against Women Act Planning Committee. The purpose of the RICADV is to eliminate domestic violence in Rhode Island. Their mission is to support and enhance the work of their member agencies, and to provide leadership on the issue of domestic violence.**

#### **Rhode Island National Organization for Women**

<http://www.rinow.org>

**RI NOW believes Rhode Island can do a better job of ensuring that women are fairly represented in government, business, and education. RI NOW is committed to working to end poverty in RI, fight racism against women of color, end violence against women, protect reproductive freedom, and attain pay equity.**

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#### **American Public Health Association**

<http://www.apha.org>

**The American Public Health Association (APHA) is the oldest and largest organization of public health professionals in the world, representing more than 50,000 members from over 50 occupations of public health. APHA brings together researchers, health service providers, administrators, teachers, and other health workers in a unique, multidisciplinary environment of professional exchange, study, and action. APHA is concerned with a broad set of issues affecting personal and environmental health, including federal and state funding for health programs, pollution control, programs and policies related to chronic and infectious diseases, a smoke-free society, and professional education in 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>

**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.cmwf.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 Home Page**

<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.**

## **Kaiser Family Foundation**

[www.kff.org/uninsured](http://www.kff.org/uninsured)

**In-depth information is provided on key health policy issues including Medicare, Medicaid and providing statistics on current uninsured Americans.**

### **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 a health information referral service. NHIC puts health professionals and consumers who have health questions in touch with those organizations that are best able to provide answers. NHIC was established in 1979 by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), Office of Public Health and Science, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NHIC also provides key support for the healthfinder® Web site, a gateway to reliable consumer health information.**

### **National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization**

**<http://www.nhpc.org>**

**NHPCO's 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](http://www.nlm.nih.gov)

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, policy makers,

### **The Occupational and Safety Health Administration**

<http://www.osha.gov>

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](http://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.

## HOMELESSNESS/HOUSING ([back](#))

### **Crossroads Rhode Island**

<http://www.crossroadsri.org>

Crossroads Rhode Island, formerly Travelers Aid of Rhode Island, is the largest homeless services organization in the state. We provide assistance 24-hours a day, seven days a week, for a broad spectrum of Rhode Islanders.

### **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>

Our 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. Our work at the federal, state, and local levels includes public policy advocacy, community organizing, public education, collaboration. HNRI maintains a presence at the State House and in DC for affordable, safe, and appropriate housing. We promote and support federal and state legislation advancing affordable housing production, homeownership, fair housing, permanent supportive housing, lead safety, and income supports. 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.rhomeless.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. The Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless believes that homelessness is unjust and unacceptable. They recognize each individual and family's right to: stable, safe and affordable housing, quality medical and mental health care, food, clothing, education and sustaining income and/or employment.

### **Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation**

<http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org>

Assists first-time homebuyers and finances the construction of affordable apartments. Programs offered include low-interest loans and grants for qualified low-and-moderate-income owners of single family homes to remodel a home for persons with functional disabilities, provision of job training, education and other services to help Section 8 certificate and voucher holders to move from welfare to jobs that give them financial independence, funding of homemaker services for frail elderly and disabled residents of 16 Section 8 apartment, provision of funding to organizations planning special studies or research projects related to affordable housing, Neighborhood Revitalization Program, ongoing research program that develops and compiles relevant housing information and coordinates or undertakes special research studies, provision of funding for tutoring, employment and self-esteem building activities for disadvantaged children living in apartments financed by them.

### **State of Rhode Island Housing Resource Commission**

[www.hrc.ri.gov](http://www.hrc.ri.gov)

The Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission (the "Commission") is the planning and policy, standards, and programs division of the Rhode Island Housing Resources Agency established by Chapter 128 of Title 42 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Its mission is to provide housing opportunities for all Rhode Islanders, to maintain the quality of housing in Rhode Island, and to coordinate and make effective the housing opportunities of the agencies and subdivisions of the state.

## **United States Department of Housing and Urban Development**

<http://www.hud.gov>

**HUD's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. To fulfill this mission, HUD will embrace high standards of ethics, management and accountability and forge new partnerships--particularly with faith-based and community organizations--that leverage resources and improve HUD's ability to be effective on the community level.**

## **U.S. Census Bureau: Housing Topics**

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

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

**HUNGER** ([back](#))

## **Food Research and Action Center**

<http://www.frac.org>

**The Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) is a leading national organization working to improve public policies to eradicate hunger and under-nutrition in the United States. Founded in 1970 as a public interest law firm, FRAC is a non-profit and non-partisan research and public policy center that serves as the hub of an anti-hunger network of thousands of individuals and agencies across the country.**

## **Rhode Island Community Food Bank**

<http://www.rifoodbank.org>

**The Rhode Island Community Food Bank provides quality food to people facing hunger through their network of certified member agencies. They also provide leadership and information to promote citizen action, advance government nutrition assistance, and promote private efforts aimed at developing effective solutions toward the elimination of hunger in Rhode Island.**

## **Rhode Island Food Stamp Program**

<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/DefaultPermissions/Adults/tabid/234/Default.aspx>

**(Applying online for food stamps, SNAP & WIC: [www.foodstamp-assistance.com](http://www.foodstamp-assistance.com)) The 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.**

## **The URI Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America**

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

**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.**

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## **MEDIA & COMMENTARY [\(back\)](#)**

### **Associated Press**

<http://www.ap.org>

### **British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk>

### **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](http://www.economist.com)

**The Guardian**

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

**Huffington Post Online**

[www.huffingtonpost.com](http://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>

**Newspapers on the World Wide Web**

<http://www.gt.kth.se/publishing/news.html>

**The New Standard**

<http://newstandardnews.net>

**The New York Times**

<http://www.nytimes.com>

**The Progressive Review**

<http://emporium.turnpike.net/P/ProRev/index.htm>

**Rhode Island Newspapers**

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

**Time Magazine**

<http://www.time.com>

**United Nations News Center**  
<http://www.unitednationsnews.com>

**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>

## **POVERTY & SOCIAL/ECONOMIC POLICY** ([back](#))

**American Enterprise Institute**  
<http://www.aei.org>

The American Enterprise Institute 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 Institute sponsors research and conferences and publishes books, monographs, and periodicals. Its website posts its publications, videos and transcripts of its conferences, biographies of its scholars and fellows, and schedules of upcoming events.

**American Public Human Services Association**  
<http://www.aphsa.org>

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 major public policy research organization. Its web site offers research on economics, foreign policy, governmental, and metropolitan studies.

Center for Law and Social Policy

<http://www.clasp.org>

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-cpr.maxwell.syr.edu>

CPR is an interdisciplinary applied policy research program in the Maxwell School of Syracuse University. CPR conducts a broad range of interdisciplinary research and related activities in the areas of aging, disability, social welfare, and income security policy; domestic urban and regional issues; and public finance; particularly education finance.

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 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. The Century Foundation is non-profit and non-partisan.

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 mission of the Economic Policy Institute is to provide high-quality research and education in order to promote a prosperous, fair, and sustainable economy. The Institute stresses real world analysis and a concern for the living standards of working people, and it makes its findings accessible to the general public, the media, and policy makers.

### **Economic Progress Institute**

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

The Economic Progress Institute is a respected authority on the issues impacting the economic vitality of both our residents and our state. The Institute is the only organization in Rhode Island that analyzes tax and budget policies on behalf of low-income populations, which is why the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities chose the Institute to be the Rhode Island affiliate to the *State Fiscal Analysis Initiative*. The Poverty Institute works closely with several statewide coalitions, committees, and community groups, like One Rhode Island, to make lasting change. These partnerships have helped improve economic security and opportunities for low-income people in the state.

### **Hudson Institute**

<http://www.hudson.org>

Hudson Institute is a non-partisan policy research organization dedicated to innovative research and analysis that promotes global security, prosperity, and freedom. They challenge conventional thinking and help manage strategic transitions to the future through interdisciplinary and collaborative studies in defense, international relations, economics, culture, science, technology, and law. Through publications, conferences and policy recommendations, they seek to guide global leaders in government and business.

### **The Independent Institute**

<http://www.independent.org>

The mission of The Independent Institute is to transcend the all-too-common politicization and superficiality of public policy research and debate, redefine the debate over public issues, and foster new and effective directions for government reform. Today, the influence of partisan interests is so pervasive that public policy debate has become too politicized and is largely confined to a narrow reconsideration of existing policies. In order to fully understand the nature of public issues and possible solutions, the Institute's program adheres to the highest standards of independent scholarly inquiry. The Institute's program is pursued to rigorous standards without regard to any political or social biases.

### **The Institute for Global Communications**

<http://www.igc.org>

Beginning in 1987, the 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. Their 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>

IRP is a center for interdisciplinary research into the causes and consequences of poverty and social inequality in the United States. It is based at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. As one of three Area Poverty Research Centers sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, it has a particular interest in poverty and family welfare in the Midwest. It is non-profit and non-partisan.

### **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.**

#### **National Bureau of Economic Research**

<http://www.nber.org>

**Founded in 1920, the National Bureau of Economic Research 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**

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

**Ocean State Action (OSA) is a coalition of community organizations, professional associations, and labor unions founded in 1988. Their shared vision for Rhode Island is 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. OSA is at the center of the state's progressive action, providing training, strategic development, lobbying, community organizing, campaign work, and technical assistance to coalition members and allies who fight for and win progressive policy changes for Rhode Islanders.**

#### **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 such critical social and economic issues as education, poverty, crime, and the environment, as well as a range of national security issues.**

#### **Urban Institute**

<http://www.urban.org>

**The Urban Institute analyzes policies, evaluates programs, and informs community development to improve social, civic, and economic well being. They work in all 50 states and abroad in over 28 countries, and they share research findings with policymakers, program administrators, business, academics, and the public online and through reports and scholarly books.**

#### **The Worldwatch Institute**

<http://www.worldwatch.org>

**Founded by Lester Brown in 1974, the Worldwatch Institute offers a unique blend of interdisciplinary research, global focus, and accessible writing that has made it a leading source of information on the interactions among key environmental, social, and economic trends. Their work revolves around the transition to a sustainable and socially just society—and how to achieve it.**

**RHODE ISLAND & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ([back](#))**

#### **The Government Guide**

<http://www.guidetogov.com>

**Website contains comprehensive information on local and federal government resources.**

### **The Library of Congress**

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

Website allows a user to research current and archived laws and legislation, including a multitude of other topics.

### **Rhode Island Board of Elections**

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

### **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>

Website allows visitors to research recent and past U.S. census data. Visitors can also use this web site to research data on a specific town, city, county, or state.

### **The United States Department of Agriculture**

<http://www.usda.gov>

The 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 Government Accountability Office (GAO) is an agency that works for Congress and the American people. Congress asks GAO to study the programs and expenditures of the federal government. GAO, commonly called the investigative arm of Congress or the congressional watchdog, is independent and non-partisan. It studies how the federal government spends taxpayer dollars. GAO advises Congress and the heads of executive agencies (such as Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, Department of Defense, DOD, and Health and Human Services, HHS) about ways to make government more effective and responsive. GAO evaluates federal programs, audits federal expenditures, and issues legal opinions. When GAO reports its findings to Congress, it recommends actions. Its work leads to laws and acts that improve government operations, and save billions of

dollars.

**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.

## **SOCIAL WORK & SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION** ([back](#))

**Association of Social Work Boards**

<http://www.aswb.org>

The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) is the association of boards that regulate social work. ASWB develops and maintains the social work licensing examination used across the country, and is a central resource for information on the legal regulation of social work. Through the association, social work boards can share information and work together. ASWB is also available to help individual social workers and social work students with questions they may have about licensing and the social work examinations.

**Boston College**

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

**Boston University**

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

**Bridgewater State**

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

**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.

**Information for (Social Work) Practice**

<http://blogs.nyu.edu/socialwork/ip>

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.

**Local Schools of Social Work**

**Rhode Island College**

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

**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 153,000 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 Social Workers, Rhode Island Chapter was founded in 1963, eight years after the national organization was formed. The chapter now boasts 1142 members who work in just about every facet of human services in Rhode Island. The website contains membership information, resources, and advocacy information.

**Providence College**

<http://www.providence.edu/Academics/Undergraduate+Studies/Areas+of+Study/Social+Work.htm>

**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>

## **DISABILITIES** ([back](#))

**Ability Index**

<http://www.ability.org.uk>

The Ability Project's aim is to show that quality of life is related to how free a person is to make their own choices and for a significant number of disabled people computer technology and the Internet holds the keys to those choices. The Ability Project seeks to demonstrate to employers and the public that IT and the Internet are tools for equality in the workplace. Ability understands that, despite the daunting task many disabled persons and disabled groups face when using the Internet as a means of obtaining information or downloading related software, it is still the preferred place to find information.

**Alzheimer's Foundation of America**

<http://www.alzfdn.org>

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America was founded by a consortium 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. From the beginning, AFA's objective has been to unite organizations from coast-to-coast that are dedicated to meeting the educational, social, emotional and practical needs of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related illnesses, and their caregivers and families. Under AFA's umbrella, these organizations collaborate on education, resources, program design and implementation, fundraising campaigns, and advocacy—all resulting in better care for those affected by the disease.

#### **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. AFB's priorities include broadening access to technology; elevating the quality of information and tools for the professionals who serve people with vision loss; and promoting independent and healthy living for people with vision loss by providing them and their families with relevant and timely resources. AFB's work in these areas is supported by the strong presence the organization maintains in Washington, D.C., ensuring the rights and interests of people with vision loss are represented in our nation's public policies.

#### **The ARC**

<http://www.thearc.org>

The Arc of the United States advocates for the rights and full participation of all children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Together with their network of members and affiliated chapters, they improve systems of supports and services; connect families; inspire communities and influence public policy.

#### **Attention Deficit Disorder Association**

<http://www.add.org>

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA) is designated as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. This international organization has been in existence since 1989. The mission of ADDA is to provide information, resources and networking to adults with AD/HD and to the professionals who work with them. In doing so, ADDA generates hope, awareness, empowerment and connections worldwide in the field of AD/HD. Bringing together scientific perspectives and the human experience, the information and resources provided to and families affected by AD/HD and professionals in the field focuses on diagnoses, treatments, strategies and techniques for helping adults with AD/HD lead better lives.

#### **The Autism Project of Rhode Island**

<http://theautismproject.org>

The Autism Project of Rhode Island 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>

ASA is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families and the professionals with whom they interact. The Society and its chapters share a common mission of providing information and education, and supporting research and advocating for programs and services for the autism community.

#### **Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island**

<http://www.biaofri.org>

Dating back from 1983, the Brain Injury Association of RI has evolved into a highly functional entity dealing with all aspects of brain injury. It started in a small 400 square foot office space in Pawtucket RI, and has grown into a roomy 1,100 square foot resource center in Cranston RI. From several new computers to hundreds of books, videos, and articles relating to brain injury, the resource center is constantly growing. Under the guidance of their executive director Sharon Brinkworth, the resource center strives to provide quality education and referrals to brain injury survivors and caregivers.

**Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)**

[www.chadd.net/810](http://www.chadd.net/810)

CHADD of RI is the local chapter of CHADD, a national non-profit organization that seeks to promote and provide education and support regarding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in adults and children. The RI chapter is run by parent volunteers. We are also aided by a Professional Advisory Board (PAB). The PAB is chaired by Mark Dumas, Ph.D., and comprised of professionals who are experts in the field of mental health and/or education. The chapter meetings provide a forum where information regarding ADHD and related topics can be obtained in an informal atmosphere. Please note that CHADD of RI does not provide mental health services, counseling, or diagnostic evaluations. They meet in the Pawtucket, Rhode Island area, covering both Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.

**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 of Massachusetts and Rhode Island**

<http://www.efmri.org>

The Epilepsy Foundation is the national voluntary agency solely dedicated to the welfare of the 2.7 million people with epilepsy in the U.S. and their families. The organization works to ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and to prevent, control and cure epilepsy through research, education, advocacy and services. In addition to programs conducted at the national level, epilepsy clients throughout the United States are served by affiliated Epilepsy Foundation offices in nearly 100 communities.

**Family Voices**

<http://www.familyvoices.org>

Family Voices, a national grassroots network of families and friends, advocates for health care services that are family-centered, community-based, comprehensive, coordinated and culturally competent for all children and youth with special health care needs; promotes the inclusion of all families as decision makers at all levels of health care; and supports essential partnerships between families and professionals.

**Governor's Commission on Disabilities**

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

The Commission's objective 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.

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System (NEC\*TAS)

<http://www.nectac.org>

The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center supports the implementation of the early childhood provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Their mission is to strengthen service systems to ensure that children with disabilities (birth through five) and their families receive and benefit from high quality, culturally appropriate, and family-centered supports and services.

National Federation of the Blind of Rhode Island

<http://www.nfbri.org>

The ultimate purpose of the National Federation of the Blind is the complete integration of the blind into society on a basis of equality. This objective involves the removal of legal, economic, and social discriminations; the education of the public to new concepts concerning blindness; and the achievement by all blind people of the right to exercise to the fullest their individual talents and capacities. It means the right of the blind to work along with their sighted neighbors in the professions, common callings, skilled trades, and regular occupations.

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)

<http://www.nichcy.org>

NICHCY is the center that provides information on disabilities in children and youth; programs and services for infants, children, and youth with disabilities; IDEA, the nation's special education law; No Child Left Behind, the nation's general education law; and research-based information on effective practices for children with disabilities. Anyone can use their services—families, educators, administrators, journalists, students. Their special focus is children and youth (birth to age 22).

National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)

<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. A rare or "orphan" disease affects fewer than 200,000 people in the United States. There are more than 6,000 rare disorders that, taken together, affect approximately 25 million Americans. For almost twenty years, NORD has served as the primary non-governmental clearinghouse for information on rare disorders. NORD also provides referrals support groups and other sources of assistance. 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 (PACER)

<http://www.pacer.org>

Founded in 1977, PACER Center was created by parents of children and youth with disabilities to help other parents and families facing similar challenges. Today, PACER Center expands opportunities and

enhances the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families. PACER is staffed primarily by parents of children with disabilities and works on a coalition with 18 disability organizations.

**The Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities**

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

The mission of the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities is to promote the community membership of individuals with disabilities in school, work and society.

**Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council**

<http://www.riddc.org>

Council members and staff believe 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, 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**

[www.techaccess-ri.org/index.htm](http://www.techaccess-ri.org/index.htm)

TechACCESS of RI is a private, not for profit resource center that serves people with disabilities who are interested in assistive technology. Assistive Technology is any device, which helps a person with a disability function better at home, work, school, or in the community. Information and Referral Services regarding assistive technology are available anytime by calling the Center. Anyone may obtain information on assistive technology products, funding, services, etc. at no charge. Referrals are made to service providers, vendors, protection and advocacy services, etc. You may reach the Center by calling (800) 916-TECH (8324) or (401) 273-1990 (v/TDD).

**United Cerebral Palsy of Rhode Island**

[www.uccp.org/ucp\\_localcfm/141](http://www.uccp.org/ucp_localcfm/141)

UCP Rhode Island has been serving people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities who live in the State of Rhode Island since 1954. They offer programs that focus on abilities and individual strengths promoting inclusion in the community.

## **MENTAL HEALTH ([back](#))**

**A New Leaf**

<http://www.anewleafflorist.org>

A New Leaf has been in business for 23 years operating as a full service florist and garden shop. A New Leaf is also a unique non-profit agency providing employment and job training to adults in Rhode Island who have psychiatric disabilities. A New Leaf is partially funded by a grant from the Rhode Island Mental Health and Retardation Hospitals and has also received funding from the United Way, Champlin Foundation, Marie Keese Lelash Foundation, Levy Foundation, Citizens Bank, as well as private donations towards its cause. They strive to assist in improving the lives of all of our employees by encouraging the development of career goals and dreams via branching out into various opportunities of employment.

### **Cookie Place**

[http://www.gcd.state.ri.us/Web/Disability%20Business%20Enterprises%20pages/DBE/CookiePlace\\_p21.htm](http://www.gcd.state.ri.us/Web/Disability%20Business%20Enterprises%20pages/DBE/CookiePlace_p21.htm)

Cookie Place is a longstanding, affirmative business providing employment and training opportunities for individuals with severe and persistent psychiatric disabilities. They have a storefront in Providence and are open for breakfast and lunch. They also provide catering services.

### **Mental Health America**

<http://www.nmha.org>

The National Mental Health Association (NMHA) is the country's oldest and largest non-profit organization addressing all aspects of mental health and mental illness. With more than 340 affiliates nationwide, NMHA works to improve the mental health of all Americans, especially the 54 million individuals with mental disorders, through advocacy, education, research and service.

### **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 improve mental health services through advocacy, education, and research.

### **The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Rhode Island (NAMI-RI)**

<http://www.namiri.org>

NAMI Rhode Island was founded in 1983 by family members of people with serious mental illnesses. Its original mission was to provide support, education, and advocacy for its members and their families.

### **The National Institute of Mental Health**

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

The NIMH is the lead Federal agency for research on mental and behavioral disorders. The NIMH is actively involved in strategic planning and priority-setting for the Institute as whole as well as for specific research areas. NIMH solicits input from patients and their advocates, scientists, Congress, the public, and the National Advisory Mental Health Council. The National Institute of Mental Health is one of 27 components of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Federal government's principal biomedical and behavioral research agency. NIH is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

### **Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Organizations**

<http://www.riccmho.org>

The Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Organizations (RICCMHO) is a responsive resource comprised of nine private, non-profit community mental health organizations in Rhode Island. Established in 1979, the Council is an effective conduit through which member organizations channel their collective expertise to form a united voice of public advocacy for all persons with mental illness. Designed to coordinate the strength of its members, the RICCMHO operates on the belief that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. This principle is activated through a full range of diverse projects, each reflecting state-wide unity and commitment to Rhode Island citizens living with mental illness.

### **Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals**

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

The mission of the Department is to fulfill its statutory responsibilities to fund, plan, design, develop, administer and coordinate a system of services for identified citizens of Rhode Island with specific disabilities. MHRH is dedicated to achieving the best possible results for its consumers and the taxpayers of Rhode Island within its legislated, annual budget.

## ELDERLY AFFAIRS ([back](#))

### American Association for Retired Persons (AARP)

<http://www.aarp.org>

AARP is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization for people age 50 and over. AARP is dedicated to enhancing quality of life for all people as they age. They lead positive social change and deliver value to members through information, advocacy and service. AARP also provides a wide range of unique benefits, special products, and services for their members. Active in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP celebrates the attitude that age is just a number and life is what you make it.

### Eldercare Locator

<http://www.eldercare.gov>

The Eldercare Locator, 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 Eldercare Locator is designed to help older adults and their families and caregivers find their way through the maze of services for seniors by identifying trustworthy local support resources. The goal is to provide users with the information and resources they need that will help older persons live independently and safely in their homes and communities for as long as possible.

### The Gerontological Society of America

<http://www.geron.org>

The Gerontological Society of America is a non-profit professional organization with more than 5000 members in the field of aging. GSA provides researchers, educators, practitioners, and policy makers with opportunities to understand, advance, integrate, and use basic and applied research on aging to improve the quality of life as one ages.

### Gray Panthers

<http://www.graypanthers.org>

Gray Panthers of Rhode Island is a grassroots community organization of inter-generational activists dedicated to social change. They belong to the national Gray Panthers, which is dedicated to social justice and international peace.

### HelpAge International

<http://www.helpage.org>

HelpAge International is a global network of not-for-profit organizations with a mission to work with, and for, disadvantaged older people worldwide to achieve a lasting improvement in the quality of their lives.

### 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 Department of Elderly Affairs

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

Their mission is to ensure excellence in service, advocacy and public policy dedicated to the needs of older Rhode Islanders and their caregivers through a single, visible and responsive agency.

### 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. Meals 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.

Rhode Island Silver Haired Legislature

<http://www.rishl.org>

The Rhode Island Silver Haired Legislature has been in existence in Rhode Island since 1981. They are one of many national silver haired legislative branches. The Rhode Island Silver Haired Legislature is a non-partisan, non-profit body of senior citizens, modeled after Rhode Island's House of Representatives. They are dedicated to improving the quality of life for Rhode Island's senior citizens. They have representation on both the Rhode Island Forum on Aging and the Rhode Island Commission on Aging. They provide a platform from which they strongly advocate on behalf of seniors.

The United States Administration on Aging

<http://www.aoa.gov>

The Administration on Aging (AoA), an agency in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is one of the nation's largest providers of home- and community-based care for older persons and their caregivers. Their mission is to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and cost-effective system of long-term care that helps elderly individuals to maintain their dignity in their homes and communities. Their mission statement also is to help society prepare for an aging population. While all older Americans may receive services, the OAA targets those older individuals who are in greatest economic and social need: the poor, the isolated, and those elders disadvantaged by social or health disparities.

## INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE ([back](#))

International Association of the Schools of Social Work

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

The International Association of Schools of Social Work, IASSW, is the worldwide association of schools of social work, other tertiary level social work educational programs, and social work educators. The IASSW promotes the development of social work education throughout the world, develops standards to enhance quality of social work education, encourages international exchange, provides forums for sharing social work research and scholarship, and promotes human rights and social development through policy and advocacy activities. IASSW holds consultative status with the United Nations and participates as an NGO in U.N. activities in Geneva, Vienna and New York. Through its work at the U.N. and with other international organizations, IASSW represents social work education at the international level.

International Council on Social Welfare

<http://www.icsw.org>

The International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW), founded in Paris in 1928, is a non-governmental organization which now represents national and local organizations in more than 50 countries throughout the world. Their membership also includes a number of major international organizations. ICSW member organizations collectively represent tens of thousands of community organizations, which work directly at the grass-roots with people in poverty, hardship or distress. Almost all of them are independent organizations working in their own communities rather than branches of organizations based in other countries. Many have been established by people who are themselves experiencing hardship. Within their own communities, ICSW's network of organizations provides help for a wide range of people who are poor, ill, disabled, unemployed, frail or oppressed. They help young people,

older people, families, indigenous peoples, migrants, refugees and others who are experiencing special hardship or vulnerability.

#### **International Federation of Social Workers**

<http://www.ifsw.org>

The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) recognizes that social work originates variously from humanitarian, religious and democratic ideals and philosophies; and that it has universal application to meet human needs arising from personal-societal interactions, and to develop human potential. Professional social workers are dedicated to service for the welfare and self-fulfillment of human beings; to the development and disciplined use of scientific knowledge regarding human behavior and society; to the development of resources to meet individual, group, national and international needs and aspirations; to the enhancement and improvement of the quality of life of people; and to the achievement of social justice.

#### **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 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.

### **SOCIAL WORK CAREER & LICENSING ([back](#))**

#### **Association of Social Work Boards**

<http://www.aswb.org>

The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) is the association of boards that regulate social work. ASWB develops and maintains the social work licensing examination used across the country, and is a central resource for information on the legal regulation of social work. Through the association, social work boards can share information and work together. ASWB is also available to help individual social workers and social work students with questions they may have about licensing and the social work examinations.

#### **Council of Social Work Education Accredited Programs List**

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

List of BSW and MSW CSWE Accredited Programs.

#### **Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research**

<http://www.charityadvancement.com>

**IASWR was founded in 1993 by five national professional organizations that represent the social work practice and education communities, to fulfill recommendations from a 1991 report adopted by National Institute of Mental Health's advisory council, which highlighted the need to strengthen social work research resources. In 2000, those five organizations were joined by a sixth. A freestanding, not-for-profit organization, IASWR serves the research needs of the entire social work profession. Sponsoring organizations are represented on the Board of Directors of IASWR and contribute annually to its financial support. IASWR promotes social work research conducted under the auspices of other academic and professional organizations. IASWR does not conduct or fund social work research directly, except in surveys on behalf of the profession, which relate to fulfilling Institute goals.**

**Master Social Director (Private Operated Link)**

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

**Office of Health Professionals Regulation Board of Examiners in Social Workers**

**[http://www.healthri.gov/hsr/professions/s\\_work.php](http://www.healthri.gov/hsr/professions/s_work.php)**

**The Board acts in an advisory capacity to the Department of Health and to the Director of Health in all matters pertaining to the practice of the profession. The Board is responsible for the review and approval of applications for initial licensure, the formulation and promulgation of Rules and Regulations pertaining to the practice of the profession and for the over all exercise of disciplinary authority over all persons regulated under the statute. The categories of professional licensure and certification which fall within the authority of the Board are Clinical Social Workers and Independent Clinical Social Workers. Individuals regulated under the authority of this Statute provide services which directly affect the physical and mental health of the citizens of Rhode Island. The Board, and the Department of Health, strives to assure that only the highest quality care and services are delivered to the consumer. It is the mission of the Board to ensure that only qualified individuals enter the regulated profession, that the care and services which these individuals provide are within the standard of practice of the profession and that they maintain their professional competence through continuing education activities if required by statute.**

**Rhode Island Rules & Regulations for Licensing Clinical Social Workers (CSW), and Independent Clinical Social Workers (ICSW)**

**[http://www.rules.state.ri.us/rules/released/pdf/DOH/DOH\\_421\\_.pdf](http://www.rules.state.ri.us/rules/released/pdf/DOH/DOH_421_.pdf)**

**Rhode Island's regulations on becoming a licensed social worker.**

**School Social Work Association of America**

**<http://www.sswaa.org>**

**The School Social Work Association of America (SWAA) is dedicated to promoting the profession of School Social Work and the professional development of School Social Workers in order to enhance the educational experience of students and their families.**

## MISCELLANEOUS ([back](#))

### American Red Cross Rhode Island Chapter

<http://www.riredcross.org>

The American Red Cross Rhode Island Chapter is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers, that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. It does this through services that are consistent with its congressional charter and the fundamental principles of the American Red Cross and the International Red Cross Movement. All Red Cross disaster assistance is free. The Red Cross is not a government agency and relies on private donations to provide emergency assistance to Rhode Islanders in crisis.

### Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now

<http://www.acorn.org>

ACORN is the nation's largest community organization of low-and moderate-income families, working together for social justice and stronger communities. Issues include affordable housing, wage campaigns, living wage, healthcare, etc.

### Center for Voting and Democracy

<http://www.fairvote.org>

FairVote seeks elections that promote voter turnout, fair representation, inclusive policy and meaningful choices by building on our nation's history of improving upon the American experiment. As a catalyst for electoral reforms such as instant runoff voting, proportional voting, direct election of the president and automatic voter registration, they conduct research, analysis, education and organizing to ensure all Americans can exercise their right to vote and elect representatives who reflect our racial and political diversity.

### Nonviolence

<http://www.nonviolence.org>

This comprehensive web site contains many resources on nonviolence, including nonviolence theory, its history, and applications to current affairs. The site also hosts links, discussion boards, and essays on topics related to nonviolence.

### Physicians for Social Responsibility

<http://www.psr.org>

Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) is a leading public policy organization with 24,000 members representing the medical and public health professions and concerned citizens, working together for nuclear disarmament, a healthful environment, and an end to the epidemic of gun violence. Founded in 1961, PSR led the campaign to end atmospheric nuclear testing by documenting the presence of Strontium 90, a byproduct of atomic test, in children's teeth. During the following two decades, PSR's efforts to educate the public about the dangers of nuclear war grew into an international movement with the founding of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, with whom PSR shared the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to IPPNW in 1985. During the 1990s, PSR built on this record of achievement by ending nuclear warhead production and winning a

**comprehensive ban on all nuclear tests.**

### **Project Vote Smart**

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

**Resource assists those with learning about the voting process, electoral, and political issues.**

### **Social Security Death Index**

<http://www.familytreelegends.com/records/ssdi>

**Use this web site to find death certificates by entering basic demographic information and social security numbers.**

### **Union of Concerned Scientists**

<http://www.ucsusa.org>

**UCS is an independent nonprofit alliance of more than 100,000 concerned citizens and scientists. They augment rigorous scientific analysis with innovative thinking and committed citizen advocacy to build a cleaner, healthier environment and a safer world. Their core groups of scientists and engineers collaborate with colleagues across the country to conduct technical studies on renewable energy options, the impacts of global warming, the risks of genetically engineered crops, and other related topics. They share the results of our research with policymakers, the news media, and the public.**

### **United Nations**

<http://www.un.org>

**The web site of the United Nations contains statistical data, reports, program information, and information on other U.N. affairs around the globe.**

### **World Health Organization**

<http://www.who.int>

**The WHO is a United Nations specialized agency for health. WHO's objective, as set out in its Constitution, is the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health. Health is defined in WHO's Constitution as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. This is a solid resource for those interested in researching health policies and statistics from virtually anywhere in the world. The site also contains up-to-date news bulletins on international health issues.**