



# Rhode Island

Resource List

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NOTE: See the following publications for additional resources:

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

# Civil Rights

## **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) - RI**

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

128 Dorrance Street  
Suite 220  
Providence, RI 02903  
401- 831-7171  
[riaclu@riaclu.org](mailto:riaclu@riaclu.org)  
[www.riaclu.org](http://www.riaclu.org)

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

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

180 Westminster St., 3 Floor  
Providence, RI 02903  
401- 222-2661; TDD: 401- 222-2664  
[mevora@richr.state.ri.us](mailto:mevora@richr.state.ri.us)  
[www.richr.ri.gov](http://www.richr.ri.gov)

Contact Person: Michael D. Evora, Exec. Dir.

## **Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General**

The Attorney General of Rhode Island is the lawyer and advocate for the people of Rhode Island. Whether prosecuting a criminal case, defending the state in a civil forum, representing the public in a regulatory function, or serving as advisor, the Department must exert every effort to serve justice and the public interest within the confines of our adversary system. All employees

will discharge the privilege and honor of public service in this Department by: upholding the Constitution and laws of the United States and of Rhode Island; treating all persons with dignity, respect and fairness; serving the people of this State with excellence and integrity; and protecting the public interest and safety.

150 South Main St.  
Providence, RI 02903  
401-274-4400 X 2296  
[tpalombo@riag.ri.gov](mailto:tpalombo@riag.ri.gov)  
[www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov)

## **General Legal Services**

### **Rhode Island Legal Services**

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

56 Pine Street  
4th Floor  
Providence, RI 02903  
401-274-2652, Toll-Free 1-800-662-5034  
[www.rils.org](http://www.rils.org)  
Contact Person: Robert M. Barge, Esq., Executive Director

Newport Office  
50 Washington Square  
Newport, RI 02840  
401-846-2264, Toll-Free 1-800-637-4529  
[www.rils.org](http://www.rils.org)  
Contact Person: Robert M. Barge, Esq., Executive Director

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

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

115 Cedar Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
401-421-5740  
[info@ribar.com](mailto:info@ribar.com)  
[www.ribar.com](http://www.ribar.com)

### **Rhode Island Center for Law and Public Policy**

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

3288 Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02886  
401-921-5988  
[geoff@riclapp.org](mailto:geoff@riclapp.org)  
[www.riclapp.org](http://www.riclapp.org)

Contact Person: Geoff Schoos, Esq., President

## **HIV/AIDS**

### **AIDS Project Rhode Island**

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

404 Wickenden St.  
Providence, RI 02906  
401-831-5522  
[colleen@aidsprojectri.org](mailto:colleen@aidsprojectri.org)  
[www.aidsprojectri.org](http://www.aidsprojectri.org)

Contact Person: Thomas Bertrand, [Thomas@aidsprojectri.org](mailto:Thomas@aidsprojectri.org)

### **AIDS Care Ocean State**

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

18 Parkis Avenue  
Providence, RI 02907  
401-521-3603  
[info@aidscares.org](mailto:info@aidscares.org)  
[www.aidscares.org](http://www.aidscares.org)

### **Agape Center of Family Resources Community Action**

The Agape Center provides services, resources and advocacy for persons living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

245 Main Street  
Woonsocket, RI 02895  
401-766-0900

## **Other Health/Disability**

### **East Bay Community Action Program**

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

19 Broadway  
Newport, RI 02840  
401-847-7821 x 302  
[susan.schenck@ebcap.org](mailto:susan.schenck@ebcap.org)  
[www.ebcap.org](http://www.ebcap.org)

Contact Person: Susan Schenck, Chief Operating Officer

### **Providence Community Health Center - Whitmarsh Clinic**

Works to ensure that everyone in Providence has access to quality medical and dental care

557 Broad Street  
Providence, RI 02907  
401-444-0400 STD clinic 444-0483  
[ltharp@providencechc.org](mailto:ltharp@providencechc.org)  
[www.providencechc.org/matriarch/MultiPiecePage.asp\\_Q\\_PageID\\_E\\_48\\_A\\_PageName\\_E\\_Whitmarsh](http://www.providencechc.org/matriarch/MultiPiecePage.asp_Q_PageID_E_48_A_PageName_E_Whitmarsh)

Contact Person: Bernadette Mansfield

**Planned Parenthood - RI**

Provides services such as STD/STI testing and treatment, cancer screening and prevention, contraception, and abortion services.

111 Point Street

Providence, RI 02940

Administration: 401-421-7820 or

Clinic: 401-421-9620

[contactus@pprimail.org](mailto:contactus@pprimail.org)

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

**NRI Community Services - Woonsocket**

Provides services such as HIV counseling, substance abuse counseling, and violence prevention.

55 John Cummings Way

Woonsocket, RI 02895-3330

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

[CStephens@NRICommunityServices.org](mailto:CStephens@NRICommunityServices.org)

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

Contact Person: Chris Stephens, President, CEO

**Samaritans – Providence, Rhode Island**

Suicide Prevention Hotline open 24 hours/ 7 days a week that serves Rhode Island. Runs a peer to peer support group for adults who have lost a loved one through suicide.

P.O. Box 9086

Providence, RI 02940

401-272-4044, 800-365-4044

[info@samaritansri.necoxmail.com](mailto:info@samaritansri.necoxmail.com)

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

Contact Person: Denise Panichas, Interim Exec. Dir.

## **Rhode Island Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence**

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

500 Prospect Street #C Suite 306  
Pawtucket, RI 02860  
1-866-ALC-DRUG, 401-725-0410  
[info@ricaodd.org](mailto:info@ricaodd.org)  
[www.ricaodd.org](http://www.ricaodd.org)

## **Rhode Island 211**

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

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

## **Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault**

### **Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project (GMDVP)**

Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project supports victims and survivors through education, advocacy and direct services.

[www.gmdvp.org](http://www.gmdvp.org)  
[support@gmdvp.org](mailto:support@gmdvp.org)  
Tel: 800-832-1901

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

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

422 Post Rd., Suite 202  
Warwick, RI 02888  
401- 467-9940,

1-800-494-8100 (24 hr)

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

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

Contact Person: Deborah DeBare, Executive Director

### **Day One**

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

100 Medway Street

Providence, RI 02906-4402

Hotline: 800-494-8100

Tel: 401-421-4100

[info@dayoneri.org](mailto:info@dayoneri.org)

[www.dayoneri.org/index.htm](http://www.dayoneri.org/index.htm)

### **Sojourner House**

Sojourner House is an advocacy and resource center for victim of domestic violence in Rhode Island

386 Smith Street

Providence, RI 02908

Helpline: 401-765-3232

Tel: 401-861-6157

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

### **Rhode Island Victims of Crime Helpline**

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

61 Main Street

Wakefield , RI 02879

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

[www.rivictimsofcrime.org/domestic-violence.asp](http://www.rivictimsofcrime.org/domestic-violence.asp)

### **Rhode Island Attorney General's Office Victim Services**

The primary goals of this program are to assist crime victims by reducing the trauma they have suffered, to help make their contact with the criminal justice

system a more palatable experience, and to aid in their recovery from the crime. These goals are achieved through objectives which are designed to provide the following services: information, support, & referral, etc.

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

[contact@hatecrimeri.org](mailto:contact@hatecrimeri.org)

[www.riag.org](http://www.riag.org), [www.hatecrimeri.org](http://www.hatecrimeri.org),

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

## **Youth/Schools**

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

Provides support for LGBT youth and their families through support groups, counseling, education, and social events.

171 Chestnut St  
Providence, RI 02903  
401-421-5626

[info@youthprideri.org](mailto:info@youthprideri.org)

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

Contact Person: James Robinson, Executive Director

### **PFLAG**

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

#### Greater Providence

500 Angell St. #212, Providence, RI 02906  
401-751-7571

[pflagprovidence@verizon.net](mailto:pflagprovidence@verizon.net)

[www.pflagprovidence.org/index.htm](http://www.pflagprovidence.org/index.htm)

Contact Person: Myra Shays, Pres.

South/Central Rhode Island

401-499-3278

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

Contacts: Ann & Ed Bonnetti, [epbonnetti@cox.net](mailto:epbonnetti@cox.net)

## **Immigration**

### **International Institute of Rhode Island**

Represents clients before immigration and refers callers to immigration lawyers. Also provides education in English and citizenship preparation.

645 Elmwood Ave

providence, RI 02907

401- 461-5940

[information@iiri.org](mailto:information@iiri.org)

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

Contact Person: Executive Director - William Shuey

## **Transgender**

### **TGI Network of Rhode Island**

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

PO Box 40365

Providence, RI 02940

401-441-5058 (voicemail)

[info@tginetwork.org](mailto:info@tginetwork.org)

## Support Services

### **GLBT Help line of Rhode Island**

Provides referrals on a wide range of issues, including social/support groups, health care, legal services, business, recreation, safer sex, and more.

PO Box 41247

Providence, RI 02940

401- 751-3322

[contact@glbthelpline.org](mailto:contact@glbthelpline.org)

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

Contact Person: Joanne MacDonald, Director

### **Crossroads Rhode Island (Formerly Travelers Aid of RI)**

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

160 Broad Street

Providence, RI 02903

401- 521-2255. Helpline- 401- 421-SAFE, (800) 367-2700,401.277.4300

(Ann Nolan)

[information@crossroadsri.org](mailto:information@crossroadsri.org)

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

Contact Person: Ann Nolan



Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) is the leading legal rights organization in New England dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status and gender identity and expression. Through impact litigation, education and public policy work, GLAD seeks to create a better world that respects and celebrates diversity—a world in which there is equal justice under law for all.

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

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

*Thank You!*



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corrections to [bbell@glad.org](mailto:bbell@glad.org)***

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1.800.455.GLAD (4523)  
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