



RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE GUIDE

COUNSELING AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

AIDS Project Rhode Island

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Providence, RI 02940-6688

Office: (401) 831-5522

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm EST

Toll-free Hotline (operated by AIDS Action Committee in Boston): (800) 235-2331

Hotline Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-8pm and Friday, 9am-5pm EST

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.aidsprojectri.org

Email: Stephen@aidprojectri.org

AIDS Project Rhode Island is dedicated to excellence in the provision of confidential, comprehensive, caring, and consumer-driven services that contribute to the well being of people living with HIV and to the eradication of HIV transmission in Rhode Island.

Service area: Rhode Island

Work with: Adults living with and affected by HIV/AIDS

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Information regarding HIV transmission and referrals to Project Bridge, a program of Miriam Hospital Community Access that provides discharge planning for people living with HIV incarcerated at ACI in Rhode Island.

Services for survivors after release include: Referrals for HIV testing and counseling and a range of services for people living with HIV/AIDS, including case management; outpatient mental health services; emergency financial assistance; dental referral program; nutritional supplement provision; support groups; and the Afia Center, a drop-in community center that offers hot meals, a food pantry, and nutritional counseling.

Services for loved ones include: Information, support, and referrals for HIV testing and counseling and other needed services.

Fees: Free for low-income clients who meet eligibility guidelines. For outpatient mental health services, co-pays may be required if a client has Medicare or private health insurance. If not, mental health services are free. Please contact AIDS Project Rhode Island for additional information and to see if you qualify for free or reduced-fee services.

Additional information: Services are available in Spanish, Portuguese, and French.

Day One Sexual Assault and Trauma Resource Center

100 Medway St.

Providence, RI 02906

Office: (401) 421-4100

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm EST

Toll-free Hotline: (800) 494-4100

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.dayoneri.org

E-mail: info@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 provides services to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and other violent crimes and educates the public throughout the state of Rhode Island.

Service area: Rhode Island

Work with: Survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and other violent crimes and their loved ones

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention, support, information, and advocacy via the 24-hour hotline and by mail; hospital accompaniment during forensic exams; legal advocacy and court accompaniment; psycho-educational services for incarcerated men and women who are survivors of childhood sexual abuse and assault; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above and individual and group counseling for children and adults.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; counseling; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free

Additional Information: Day One also offers Foster Healthy Families, a program for sexually abused children in foster care and their foster families.

Youth Pride, Inc.

171 Chestnut St.

Providence, RI 02903

Office: (401) 421-5626

Drop-in Center Hours: Monday-Friday, 12-8pm and Saturday, 10am-5pm EST

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.youthprideri.org

Email: info@youthprideri.org

Youth Pride, Inc. (YPI) provides support, advocacy, and education for youth and young adults throughout Rhode Island who are impacted by sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. YPI's goals are to meet the social, emotional, and educational needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQQ) youth and their allies through empowering programs of support, education, organizing, and advocacy, while working to change the homophobic, biphobic, and transphobic environments in which they live.

Service area: Rhode Island

Work with: LGBTQ youth ages 13-23 and their allies

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Information and support via phone and by mail and in-person counseling and support for LGBTQ youth at the Rhode Island Training School, by arrangement. YPI can also arrange to meet with LGBTQ youth in other detention facilities and court-appointed schools and group homes, by request. If you are interested in meeting with YPI, contact a staff member or write to YPI directly for help.

Services for survivors after release include: A range of services for LGBTQ youth, including a drop-in center, which includes a library, full kitchen, and tons of hang-out space in a safe environment; social activities; support services, including individual counseling, advocacy, crisis intervention, case management, and support groups for transgender youth, young men of color, youth recovering from substance abuse, and The Way Out, a weekly support group that provides an opportunity for LGBTQ youth to share their experiences with each other; OUTspoken, YPI's community education program that provides professional development and youth-to-youth workshops; YPI's Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) Coalition, a youth organizing project connecting students from Rhode Island area high school GSAs to each other and to community resources; OUTspoken Playaz, a performance group that entertains and educates on subjects that LGBTQ youth face in their day-to-day lives; leadership training opportunities; and art and wellness programs.

Services for loved ones include: Family counseling; education; and referrals.

Fees: Free

LEGAL RESOURCES

Rhode Island ACLU

128 Dorrance St., Suite 220

Providence, RI 02903

Office: (401) 831-7171

Website: www.riaclu.org

Online Complaint Form: www.riaclu.org/forms/RIACLU_Complaint_Form.pdf

Police Misconduct Complaint Form: www.riaclu.org/forms/police.pdf

Email: riaclu@riaclu.org

The Rhode Island American Civil Liberties Union (RI ACLU) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to upholding and protecting the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights through litigation, legislation, and education. The Rhode Island ACLU works in the courtroom to make the promise of fair treatment a reality for all people. All too often, the rights of those involved in the criminal justice system are compromised or ignored. The Bill of Rights covers all Americans, including suspects, defendants, offenders, and prisoners.

If you would like for the ACLU to consider your complaint, please print and fill-out a Complaint Form and mail it to the address contained on the form or write directly to the ACLU. If you have a complaint specifically about police misconduct, use the Police Misconduct Complaint Form. As a general rule, the complaint process takes between 3-4 weeks. The ACLU has limited resources and can only handle a small number of cases that are brought to its attention.

Rhode Island Bar Association

115 Cedar Street

Providence, RI 02903

Lawyer Referral and Information Service: (401) 421-7799

Lawyer Referral and Information Service Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm EST

Volunteer Lawyer Program: (401) 421-7758

Toll-free: (800) 339-7758

Website: www.ribar.com

Email: lbridge@ribar.com

If you don't have a lawyer and think you have a legal problem, the Rhode Island Bar Association's Lawyer Referral and Information Service may be able to direct you to an attorney who concentrates in the problem area. When you call the Lawyer Referral and Information Service, you will be asked to state your problem briefly. Any information you provide will be held in the strictest confidence. After listening to your problem, the service will take your name, address, and telephone number. Should you wish to apply for reduced-fee services, you will also be asked for financial information. Based on the information you provide, Lawyer Referral will give you the name and telephone number of an attorney in your community with whom you can meet to discuss your problem. It will be your responsibility to contact the lawyer to make an appointment for a consultation. The service is unable to make appointments for callers.

Lawyers participating in the service have agreed to provide an initial consultation of up to one-half hour free of charge. If it is determined that additional legal work is required, it will be your decision to continue legal services. It is suggested that you discuss the attorney's fees during your first visit. If you decide to hire the lawyer to continue working in your behalf, you will be responsible for the legal fees. There is no obligation on your part or the lawyer's to go beyond the one-half hour consultation. If your initial contact cannot handle your problem, you may request an additional referral.

The Lawyer Referral and Information Service is designed to serve anyone who can afford the services of a lawyer. If you are financially eligible, a reduced-fee service is available. Persons who have a legal problem and cannot afford a lawyer will be directed, if possible, to another public service program or human service agency for assistance.

The Rhode Island Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer Program (VLP), funded through a grant from Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. and the Rhode Island Bar Foundation, provides pro bono (free) legal services to qualified low-income Rhode Islanders. Participating attorneys provide legal assistance at no charge. The client's income must qualify under federally regulated guidelines to receive pro bono assistance, and the case must fall under one of the areas of law handled by the VLP. Clients may be responsible for filing fees, court costs, and other out-of-pocket expenses. *Se habla español.*

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Rhode Island Department of Corrections Departmental Grievance Coordinator

40 Howard Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
Office: (401) 462-2611

Survivors of sexual abuse behind bars in a RI DOC facility who have filed a Formal Level 1 Grievance with the Warden and feel as though their concerns have not been adequately addressed can appeal to the RIDOC Director within five (5) days upon receipt of the Warden's decision.

To file a Level 2 Appeal to the RIDOC Director, a Request for Resolution of Grievance Form is needed. This form may be obtained in the law library or from a Superior Officer in your living location. After completing the form, send it to the Warden or designee, who will forward the form to the RIDOC Departmental Grievance Coordinator. Upon receipt of the Level 1 decision, the Departmental Grievance Coordinator will conduct an investigation. Based upon that investigation, the Director will have thirty (30) working days in which to make a decision on the appeal. The decision will be in writing.

Rhode Island Department of Corrections Special Investigations Unit

40 Howard Avenue
Administration A Building
Cranston, RI 02920

Office: (401) 462-2062

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) gathers intelligence about the activities of the inmate population that may threaten public safety and/or be disruptive to the security and orderly operation of the facilities. The SIU also investigates alleged inmate misconduct and provides evidence at inmate disciplinary hearings on the basis of its investigations. The Unit monitors and investigates gang activity, and tracks and apprehends escapees. SIU works closely with outside law enforcement agencies in the prosecution of inmates believed to be engaged in criminal activities. Inmates who have been sexually assaulted in a RIDOC facility can contact the Special Investigations Unit to report the assault and any concerns regarding the handling of investigations into such abuse.

JDI has directly contacted each organization listed in the Resource Guide in hopes of pointing survivors toward those currently accepting new clients. However, the inclusion of any group or individual in the Resource Guide does not necessarily constitute an endorsement or recommendation by JDI, nor can JDI guarantee the availability of the services described here.