



DD News and Updates

Newsletter

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New Newsletter Issue

Friendly reminder that the second issue of every month will just be a shared resources.

Due to the July 4th holiday, the next Newsletter will come out Monday, July 8th.



We want to learn from you!

We want to continue to learn from the community. Share your feedback about our newsletter by completing our [online newsletter survey](#). We will keep the survey open to make sure we keep getting your feedback.

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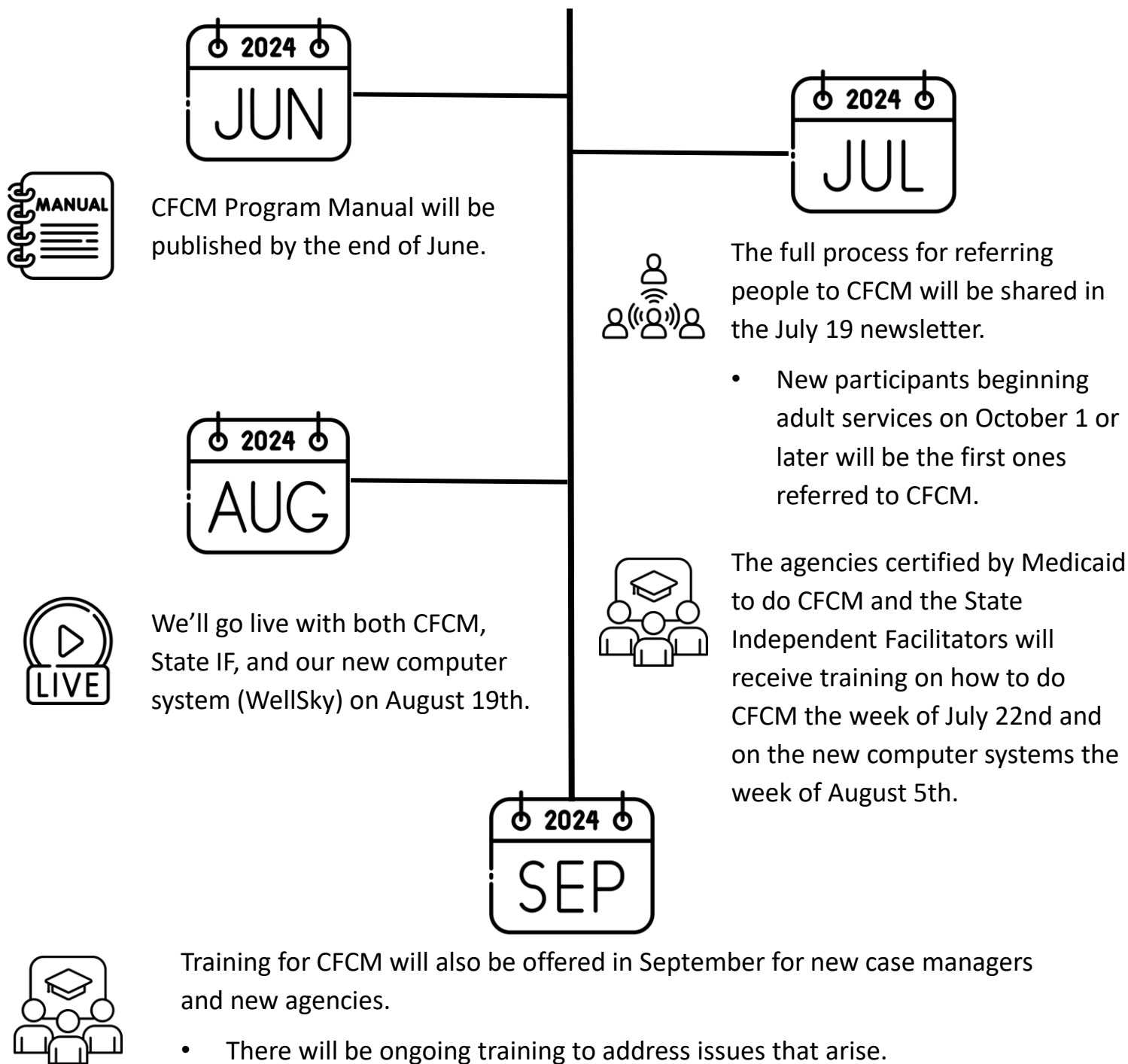
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DDD Updates

Independent Facilitation and Conflict-Free Case Management Summer 2024 Timeline

As we get closer to starting CFCM, here is a high-level view of what will be happening this summer.



DDD Updates

Conflict-Free Case Management and Person-Centered Practices

The Division continues to work on Conflict Free Case Management (CFCM) and Independent Facilitation (IF) to start this summer. To help participants and their families get ready for CFCM and IF, we are sharing resources about Person-Centered practices. Person-Centered practices are one of the reason's why we are doing CFCM and IF.

“Person-Centered Thinking is the basis for person-centered planning. If we don’t really understand the person, plans will be more about the service or support provider than about the person. If the person is not at the center of every activity, then most likely the plan will not be meaningful to that person. Goals or experiences that are set by the person are more likely to be achieved than plans that are developed for the person.” – RI Person-Centered Thinking Guide

Here are a list of available resources to help understand Person-Centered practices:

- [RI Person-Centered Thinking Guide-In English](#)
- [RI Person-Centered Thinking Guide-In Large Print](#)
- [RI Person-Centered Thinking Guide-In Spanish](#)
- [The Sherlock Center Person-Centered Thinking Facilitator Training](#)

Person-Centered thinking is not just for people with I/DD but are strategies to support anyone. A person-centered process starts by getting to know someone. There are a lot of different ways for people to know you better or for you to support someone you love to be better known by those around them. Check out this video resource on creating a Personal Profile:



We'll continue to share resources that have helped inform Conflict Free Case Management and Independent Facilitation in the months to come!



Your Life, Your Rights Relationships

Everyone has the right to have relationships. Relationships can be with family, friends, dating partners, and more. Here are your rights to relationships:



Have different types of relationships



Start new relationships



End relationships at any time



Be treated with dignity and respect



Not be abused or hurt in relationships



Have privacy when you want it



Say "no" to things you don't want to do



Do things you want to do



Share your thoughts and interests



Have romantic relationships and date



Marry the person you love



Become a parent to a child or pet

Report Suspected Abuse

QA Hotline 401-462-2629

Mandated Reporting

Reporting suspected occurrences of abuse, neglect, and mistreatment of individuals with developmental disabilities

To report abuse and serious incidents call the BHDDH Quality Assurance (QA) Unit hotline at (401) 462-2629. The hotline is open 24-hour hotline, seven days per week, 365 days per year. Staff respond to reported incidents of abuse, neglect, mistreatment, and financial exploitation.

BH Link is Here for You

BH Link's mission is to ensure all Rhode Islanders experiencing mental health and substance use crises receive the appropriate services they need as quickly as possible in an environment that supports their recovery. Visit the BH Link website at www.bhlink.org.

If under 18 CALL: (855) KID (543)-LINK(5465)

VISIT the 24-HOUR/7-DAY Triage Center at:

975 Waterman Avenue, East Providence, RI

Call 911 if there is a risk of immediate danger.

If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org



For More Information on DD Initiatives

Newsletters: sign up and view old newsletters on our [News and Updates webpage](#)

Consent Decree: <https://bhddh.ri.gov/developmental-disabilities/consent-decree>

Conflict Free Case Management (CFCM): [EOHHS CFCM website](#) or [DD Initiatives-CFCM](#)

RI DSP State Workforce Initiative: <https://riswi.org/> or [DD Initiatives-SWI](#)

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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See the full Division Contact List attached to this newsletter.

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Please do not email critical issues.

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Disability News You Can Use

Episode 7 - Interview with Jackie Camilloni from DDD



Join Disability News You Can Use for an insightful interview with Jackie Camilloni, Coordinator of Self-Direction at the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). In this episode, we delve into goods and services, the process for requesting them, and any changes, providing a comprehensive understanding of these crucial aspects.

This episode mentions the [DDD Self-Directed Supports](#), [RIPIN Self-Directed Support Program](#), and [The Sherlock Center on Disabilities Self-Directed Supports Network](#).

You can find information about goods and services, the new brochure, and the request form on their [website](#) under Self-Directed Supports. Here is a [link](#) to the brochure and a [link](#) for the request form PDFs. You can find the new info brief on goods and services [here](#) or by clicking forms, policies, brochures, and guides and then clicking brochures and guides. Here is a [link](#) to the goods and service info brief PDF.

You can contact the division with questions by emailing (BHDDH.AskDD@bhddh.ri.gov). You can check out their [website](#) for more about these changes and updates. To get the latest updates, consider joining to receive the [DD \(Developmental Disability\) Newsletter](#) or read past ones. Lastly, you can contact your assigned [DD social caseworker](#) for assistance.

Enjoy!

Self-Directed Supports Network

A network of individuals and family members using self-directed supports in Rhode Island

Online meeting

7 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Learn about the new bulletin for employing Direct Support Professionals in the Self-Direction Model, as well as other updates related to Self-Directed Support employees, and have a chance to ask questions. Assistant Director Heather Mincey and Coordinator of Self-Direction Jackie Camilloni, both of the Division of Developmental Disabilities at the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, will join us.



This meeting will take place online using Zoom. When you register, you will receive an email with the link to join the meeting. You can connect by computer, mobile device or listen using your telephone. You may be prompted to download an app depending on the device you plan to use. This session will be recorded.

The Self-Directed Supports Network is a resource for individuals and families using self-directed supports through the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Meetings provide an opportunity to share experiences and learn from others.

Register for this meeting: <https://bit.ly/3yKbr98>

If you need a reasonable accommodation (e.g., ASL interpreter, large print) or information in a language other than English, please make your needs known when you RSVP.

For questions: Email Crystal Cerullo at ccerullo@ric.edu or call 401-456-8915; TTY or Spanish via RI Relay: 711.



CHECK IT OUT!

Tech Time

One-on-One 'Tech Sessions'

Learn how to use your Apple or Android device, plus help with apps and accessibility to make your devices work for you!

Mondays from 1–3 PM

at OSCIL | 1944 Warwick Ave, Warwick, RI

Don't have a device yet?

Borrow one from ATEL so you can learn now,
or see if you qualify for a free smart device to keep!

For more information, or to sign up now for a session
contact Denise Corson: 401-486-3325 or Denise.Corson@ors.ri.gov





AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Rhode Island is ranked #29 for affordability of housing in the country, so young adults considering where they will live must know their options.

Think About What You Want and Need



- ? Do you want to live alone or with roommates?
- ? Do you need to live close to work or community services?
- ? Do you need to live on a bus line?
- ? Do you prefer the city or the country?
- ? What are the top 5 communities where you would like to live?

Options to Make Your Housing More Affordable

Rental assistance can be a federal or state funded program that allows an individual to pay 30% of their income for rent. The difference between the rent and the amount an individual can afford is subsidized to allow the landlord to receive 100% of the rent. If a person's income is \$700/mo 30% of the income would be \$210/month. If the total rent is \$800/mo, the landlord receives a subsidy of \$590/mo.

- **Tenant-Based Vouchers:** The rental assistance is associated with the person and can travel with them, but must be accepted by the landlord.
- **Project-Based Vouchers:** Rental assistance associated with a specific unit or set of units. The rental assistance is attached to the unit and doesn't travel with the person.
- **Public Housing Units:** Housing owned and managed by a local housing authority with rental assistance attached to the unit.
- **Privately Owned Subsidized Housing:** Housing owned and managed by a private property management company with rental assistance attached to the unit.
- **Shared Living Arrangements:** a person with a disability and a person providing paid services live and share a life together in a private home.
- **Roommates:** People choose to live together and pool resources to split the cost of rent.



For more information:

About applying for housing choice vouchers:

<https://www.waitlist-centralri.com>

A list of public and privately owned subsidized housing options:

<https://www.rihousing.com/wp-content/uploads/Rental-Resource-Guide-10-1-19.pdf>





Community **HEALTH FAIR**



**Wednesday
June 26, 2024**

**275 Elmwood Ave, Providence RI
Knight Memorial Library**

3:00 - 5:00pm

**Come to our Community Health
Fair and find out information
regarding your health state.**

**Get Free Screenings
& Information**

Diabetes

Women's Health

EforAll

Health Insurance

*Neighborhood
Health Plan*

Pace

RIPIN

Information

**For more info call
401-467-2625 or
arocchio@clpvd.org**



Knight Memorial
a Community Library of Providence



Next Wave

Rhode Island Partners

Dear friend of RIPTA,

Thank you for your continued support of RIPTA. Public transit is a public good, and we are grateful for all the riders, stakeholders, and community partners across Rhode Island committed to RIPTA's success.

As we look to the future of RIPTA, we want to hear from you!

We are in the early planning stages of a once-in-a-generation investment to build a new, world-class Transit Center in Providence, and your thoughts and opinions are critical to this process. Already, hundreds of Rhode Islanders have joined us in-person and virtually for a series of community engagement sessions to discuss locations, amenities, and other features under consideration for the new Providence Transit Center. This modern, indoor facility will be an incredible asset for Rhode Island, and we want every Rhode Islander to have a voice in the process.

Whether you have already attended a session or have been unable to do so, we're asking you to please fill out a short online survey about what you would like to see in the new Providence Transit Center. It will only take a few minutes, and your feedback will have a big impact on our planning process.

[Take the Providence Transit Center Survey for a chance to win a \\$20 gift card!](#)

[¡Participa en la encuesta del Centro de Tránsito de Providence y tendrás la oportunidad de ganar una tarjeta de regalo de \\$20!](#)

Visit [RIPTA.com/TransitCenter](https://ripta.com/transitcenter) for updates on the project and more information on future sessions.

Pop-Up Events: For Rhode Islanders unable to attend in-person or virtual public engagement sessions, RIPTA leaders will also be available at a series of upcoming community events to hear your feedback and answer your questions. Scheduled pop-up events include:

June 21

Pop-Up Event
[The Guild Beer Garden, I-195 District](#)
5 - 7 p.m.

June 28

Pop-Up Event
[Central Falls Salsa Night](#)
6 - 8 p.m.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Rhode Island Resident Housing Survey

The Rhode Island Department of Housing & RIHousing want to hear from you!

Make your voice heard and take 15 minutes to fill out the *Rhode Island Resident Housing Survey* to help inform state housing plans. This survey is available in English and Spanish.



Scan this QR code with your smartphone to access the survey or visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/RISurveyHsg>





QUEREMOS ESCUCHARTE!

Encuesta de Vivienda Para Residentes de Rhode Island

**El Departamento de Vivienda y RIHousing de
Rhode Island quiere saber de usted!**

**Haz que tu voz sea escuchada y tómate 15 minutos para
completar la Encuesta de Vivienda para Residentes de
Rhode Island y ayudar a informar los planes estatales de
vivienda. Esta encuesta está disponible en inglés y
español.**



Escanea este código QR con tu
dispositivo móvil para acceder la
encuesta o visita:
<https://tinyurl.com/RIEncuestaViv>

