



Newsletter

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Summer Safety Tips

- **Know the risks of heat:** Be aware of how heat can be dangerous.
- **Drink water:** Stay hydrated by drinking lots of water.
- **Dress for the weather:** Wear clothes that are right for the heat.
- **Find shade:** Stay cool by seeking shade.
- **Use sunscreen:** Protect your skin from the sun by using sunscreen.
- **Recognize heat illness:** Learn the signs of heat-related sickness.
- **Have a plan:** Make a plan for what to do in a heat emergency.
- **Buddy system:** Pair up with someone for group outings to stay safe.

DDD Updates

Conflict-Free Case Management (CFCM)

Exciting News!

New Certified CFCM Provider: We have a new certified CFCM provider for the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) population, East Bay Community Action Program. We will share more information about them soon. They join West Bay Community Action, Child & Family, and CareLink, Inc. as the new CFCM agencies who will start in August.

Training Series: A four-day training series for the new CFCMs was held August 13-16th. This training will happen every month for the next few months to help start up the new CFCMs and Independent Facilitators (IFs).

New IT System: Division staff are learning how to use a new State IT system called WellSky Human Services. This system will help all State Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) programs. It will be used for checking eligibility, assessing needs, making person-centered plans, giving authorizations, and monitoring. This new system will make it easier for DD services and Medicaid to work together. The Division will start using the new system on August 19.

New Hires: So far, BHDDH has hired 2 IF Casework Supervisors and 10 new IF Social Case Workers (SCWs). They will be trained and start working in August and September. There are 6 more positions to be filled.

In General: We'll slowly start using CFCM and IF with a few selected participants. You don't need to do anything until you hear from the Division that your turn is coming up. We won't make any changes that affect you without telling you first and talking to you about your options.

DDD Updates

Technology Fund!



Friendly Reminder: The Technology Fund is still available! If you receive services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), you can use this one-time fund to buy technology. This is extra money on top of your current funding.

Some examples of what you can buy are:

- Apple iPad 64GB
- Surface Laptop Go2 128GB
- FitBit Smartwatch Sense 2
- Ring Video Doorbell Wired
- TalkTablet PRO AAC/Speech App with carrying case
- Echo Show 10 (3rd Gen) with HD smart display with Motion and Alexa
- Proloquo2Go software

To learn more, visit the [Technology Fund webpage](#) on the BHDDH website. There, you can find [FAQs](#) and the [Technology Request Form](#).

BHDDH Your Life, Your Rights Program

August is about housing rights for the Your Life, Your Rights Program. Housing rights make sure you have a fair chance to rent or buy a home that you choose. These rights come from laws that make it illegal for home providers to do certain things. They also make it possible for you to live in a safe, comfortable place. Learn more on the next page of this newsletter.





Your Life, Your Rights

Housing Rights

You have the right to fair housing. This is true no matter if you rent or own an apartment, home, or room. Learn your housing rights today.



Equal opportunity to rent or buy a home you choose



Have the same house rules and benefits as other people



Live with a support animal or other person



Feel safe in your home and have privacy



Get home repairs when needed for safer and easier living



Be given 30 days notice if you must move out

Community News

Don't forget! Sign-up to Vote Today!



This year is a big election year. We are voting for the next President of the country. Before you can vote, you must **register** or sign-up by Sunday, October 6, 2024. You can register in three different ways:

1. Online
2. By mail
3. In person

Visit [Vote.gov](https://www.vote.gov) to learn more about registering to vote in Rhode Island.

There are different types of elections. The election to pick the next President is a General Election.



You can vote in the General Election by mail or in person. If you want to vote by mail, then you must apply to do so by Tuesday, October 15, 2024. To learn how to do this, visit the [Rhode Island Department of State 2024 Statewide Elections webpage](#).

If you want to vote in person, then the date you will go to vote is Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The place you will go to vote will depend on where you registered to vote. Learn where to go on the [Rhode Island Department of State Voter Information Center webpage](#).



You have the right to vote. This means voting must be accessible. **Accessible** means places and things are easy to find, understand, and use for all people. If you vote in person, you must be able to get in and out of the building. If you do not speak English, you must be given voting details in the language you use. If you have trouble seeing, you must be given a voting form that you can use. Learn more on the [Rhode Island Department of State Accessibility and Voting Assistance webpage](#).

Community News

Advocates in Action Voting Info Sessions



Voting matters. By voting we all help create a country we want to live in.

If you have never voted before but want to learn more about it, join an info session. Advocates in Action is hosting an info session on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm. This info session will be online using Zoom. To go, [please register for the voting session online](#).

Accessibility Tip

Let's review some examples of what accessible voting really is:

- You can bring someone with you to vote
- You can get a braille or large print voting slip
- You can use **ExpressVote**, a device with sound, braille, and more
- You can vote by mail

Learn more on the [Rhode Island Department of State Accessibility and Voting Assistance webpage](#)

Dose of Inspiration

There are many websites you can visit for good news stories. These websites give you the chance to learn what is going on in the world but with a focus on the good. These websites are:

[Good News Network](#)

[Positive News \(PN\)](#)

[Positive.News](#)

[The Happy Newspaper](#)

Community News

New Personal Care Attendant Registry

The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services has started a new list called the [Personal Care Attendant \(PCA\) Registry](#). PCAs help older people or those with disabilities with everyday tasks like sorting mail, making meals, grooming, or getting around.

If you want to work as a PCA in Rhode Island, you should add your information to this list so people who need help can find you. To be a PCA, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have CPR and First Aid certification
- Complete a free online orientation about the Personal Care Program, provided by the state

There is a flyer attached to this newsletter in three languages for your review. To add your information to the PCA Registry, email the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services at ohhs.pcpcaregistry@ohhs.ri.gov.

Shared Living Arrangement (SLA)

A **Shared Living Arrangement (SLA)** supports a person with an intellectual or developmental disability to live with an individual or family in a home-like setting where people can help with daily activities such as meals, transportation and personal care while providing a positive social environment.

The Division has supported more than 370 Rhode Islanders to move into Shared Living Arrangements. The Division works with nonprofit agencies to match clients and home providers based on shared values, hobbies and interests, and those involved in SLAs attest to the success of the program.

At the end of this newsletter is an article about SLA in real life. The story is called “Nick Lives a Life of Laughter and Choices.” Check out the article to learn about Nick and his story with SLA.

If you are interested in learn more about SLA, visit the [SLA webpage](#).

Community Events

The Arc Rhode Island Backpack Drive

Still in school or know someone who is? Join the Arc Rhode Island for the Annual Backpack and Resource Fair. This fair is great event to go to if you want to learn about DD community resources. The event is taking place on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Warwick. Learn more on the [Arc Annual Backpack and Resource Fair webpage](#).

RIPIN Self-Directed Learning Events

RIPIN is hosting the “On the Road with RIPIN Self-Directed Support Program.” In this program, RIPIN travels to different cities and towns in Rhode Island to teach people about self-direction. This is a great chance for you to learn what self-direction and ask questions you have. The next program dates are:

- Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 10-11:30 AM at [Barrington Public Library](#)
- Tuesday, August 27, 2024, from 5:30-7:00 PM at [South Providence Library](#)
- Tuesday September 10, 2024, from 5:00-6:30 PM at [Central Falls High School](#)

Visit the [RIPIN website](#) to learn more.

Sherlock Center Work Incentive Info Sessions

Join the Sherlock Center for an upcoming work incentives info sessions. Sessions dates are:

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Overview on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 12:00 PM
- Working with Benefits – Yes, You Can! On Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 12:00 PM
- Work Pays! An Introduction to SSI Work Incentives for Youth on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, on 12:00 PM

All sessions will take place online using Zoom. Learn more and sign-up by visiting the [Sherlock Center Events webpage](#).

Community News

Sherlock Center Meaningful Employment Training

The Sherlock Center is hosting a training program on Supporting Meaningful Employment. This training is for providers. The training focuses on supporting career planning, job development, and job retention.

This training will take place in person at the Sherlock Center. The training dates are Thursday, September 5 to Thursday, December 5, 2024.

People who finish this training will earn a certificate.

[To learn more and to register, visit the Sherlock Center webpage.](#)



Disability Rights Rhode Island Survey



Disability Rights Rhode Island (DRRI) wants your feedback. They have a 3-question survey out now. With the survey, they are trying to learn what topics are most important to the community. The topics will help them decide what to focus their work on for the year. This work focuses on supporting people with disabilities.

To share your feedback, finish the [DDRI online survey](#).

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

Contacting DDD Staff

See the full Division Contact List attached to this newsletter.

Send general questions to BHDDH.AskDD@bhddh.ri.gov.

Please do not email critical issues.

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Nick Lives a Life of Laughter and Choices

While they sit on the couch together in their home, there's clearly a genial and bantering camaraderie between Nick Silva, a person supported by Living Innovations, and Cliff Alston, whose wife Amber is Nick's shared living arrangement provider.

Both Cliff and Amber have known Nick for 15 years. Before working with Living Innovations as a program manager, Cliff was a residential program manager for a children's psychiatric hospital. "I met Nick in one of the homes I supervised, and I thought he was the coolest, most easy-going guy. He was so independent—you immediately gravitated to him."

Amber is a special education teacher, and she comes from a family with a long history of supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; she first knew Nick through dating—and then marrying—Cliff.

"Nick was one of my first guys to age out of the children's program into the adult world at 21 years of age," said Cliff. "I remember hopping in a van to take him to his new adult group home and wishing him the best of luck."

"But, we texted back and forth to stay in touch," added Nick.

"Nick and I have a lot in common," Cliff remarked. "We love sports, and it's a big part of our lives. We're both Providence Friars fans"—and then as if it were on cue—Cliff and Nick high-five each other as they let out a husky, "Go Friars!"

According to Cliff, "We stayed in touch and got closer during the next few years. When I joined Living Innovations in 2016, I started our Unified Special Olympics teams. Nick was my first call for basketball players, and he enthusiastically came on-board. I would give him rides back and forth each week.

"Unbeknownst to my wife and I, Nick was unhappy where he lived, and his mom Cheryl was unhappy with him being there. Around the same time, Amber and I were seriously considering helping someone with a shared living arrangement," Cliff remarked. "On the way back from Special Olympics, I told Nick my wife and I are considering doing this, but we'd only do it if it was with somebody we already knew. Nick immediately responded with, 'well, you know *me*,' and I said 'yes, you're right, we do know you.'

"Immediately, Nick said, 'when am I moving in?' I said 'well, hold on, we have to talk with your mom first!'"

Nick called Cheryl while they were still in the car, and she asked all of them to visit her that weekend. It all seemed to click in meeting everyone's wants and needs—the Alstons already considered Nick a part of the family—so Cheryl moved Nick from the group home to their home within a month.

“Nick has been a great addition to our household, and a great fit with the two kids,” Cliff said. “They just took to him like nobody's business. Our oldest daughter just parks right next to him on the couch, and she goes out of her way to tease him, and Nick teases her back. They just both have the cutest relationship I've seen, and both girls just make him laugh.

“If nothing else, having Nick here is a blessing to me. I'm in a home with all women—I needed another man in this house for my own sanity,” Cliff smiled jokingly. “It's great for our girls to learn how to help others, and they're learning you can do anything you want to do. Nick is such an accomplished guy, and they see it. He has independent time in our house when we're not here, and they see him regularly get on the bus by himself to go to his job at Savers. They're impressed by that.

“He also wants to be involved in anything we do, such as getting up at 7 a.m. on a Saturday with the rest of us to watch my youngest playing basketball. He tells us he wants to be involved in our lives and our routines,” remarked Cliff.

“I say that all the time,” Nick chimed in.

“Nick's also very thoughtful,” said Cliff. “Before he moved in with us, he went on vacation in Florida with his family and asked if we could get together on the weekend, because he brought back presents for the girls.”

With that, Cliff turned to Nick to say, “We also have a lot of milestones to celebrate. Nick will be 30 years old in July. He's had the Savers job for 10 years, and he's never missed time from work.”

Nick said his goals are to continue playing sports, going to all the sporting events he can and keeping his job for as long as possible.

When asked if he was happy, Nick declaratively responded, “I am. We laugh a lot.”

This article was developed by Living Innovations, a service of Mosaic. Living Innovations provides Shared Living Arrangements (SLA) in Rhode Island.



Smith Hill Library Senior Day

Date: August 21st 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Location: 31 Candace St, Providence, RI 02908

Come and enjoy a day of celebration and community at the Smith Hill Library Senior Day! We invite seniors, caregivers, and all community members to join us for:

- Free Food
- Live Music
- Wellness Resources
- Community Organizations
- Public Agencies

Explore a variety of resources and services dedicated to enhancing senior wellness and supporting caregivers. **This event is open to the public, and no registration is required.**

Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect, enjoy good food, and live music!

**For more information, please contact
Chester DeWitt at cdewitt@carene.org or
call (401) 455-6402**

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Black and Aging Health and Wellness Fair!

Hosted by Butler Hospital's Memory and Aging Program

 **Thursday, September 5th, 2024**

 **9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

 **West End Community Center**
109 Bucklin Street
Providence, RI 02907

No registration – open to the general public.

Rain Date: Thursday, September 12th, 2024

Come join us for the 2024 Black and Aging Health and Wellness Fair! There will be various community organizations and public agencies that provide wellness resources and health insurance programs to Black seniors and their caregivers.

- Health resources
- Nutrition services
- Giveaways
- Free Vaccines (Pneumonia, Tdap, and Hep B)
- Live music

Vaccines | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Provided by Family Service of Rhode Island and Asthenis Pharmacy

Blood Pressure and Glucose Checks | 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Provided by Providence Community Health Centers

Colorectal Education, Blood Pressure and Glucose Checks | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Provided by Lifespan Community Health Institute



east bay community action program
THE BRIDGE TO SELF-RELIANCE



RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK



WomanCare

Saturday, September 7, 2024

8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Rhode Island Hospital
Ambulatory Patient Center (APC) building
110 Lockwood Street
Providence, RI 02903



WomanCare is a breast and cervical cancer screening program provided by the Lifespan Cancer Institute, Lifespan Community Health Institute, and the Anne C. Pappas Center for Breast Imaging.

WomanCare is offered to women aged 21 and older. No medical insurance is required.

Transportation assistance, language interpretation, childcare, lunch, and parking will be available at no charge.

WomanCare es un programa de detección de cáncer de mama y de cuello uterino proporcionado por Lifespan Cancer Institute, Lifespan Community Health Institute y Anne C. Pappas Center for Breast Imaging.

WomenCare se ofrece a mujeres de 21 años o más. No se requiere seguro médico.

Asistencia de transporte, interpretación de idiomas, cuidado de niños, almuerzo y estacionamiento estarán disponibles sin costo alguno.

WomanCare é uma programa de rastreio do cancro da mama e do colo do útero fornecido pelo Instituto do Cancro de Lifespan, o Instituto Comunitário de Saúde de Lifespan, e o Centro Anne C. Pappas para Imagem da Mama.

WomanCare é oferecido às mulheres com 21 anos ou mais.

Não é necessário seguro médico. A assistência em termos de transporte, interpretação linguística, cuidados infantis, almoço e estacionamento estarão disponíveis gratuitamente.

For more information and to request an appointment:

Para más información y solicitar cita:

Para mais informações e marcar uma consulta:

Visit/visita/visite:

<https://www.lifespan.org/centers-services/lifespan-cancer-institute/womancare>

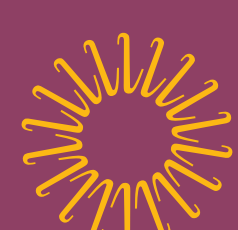
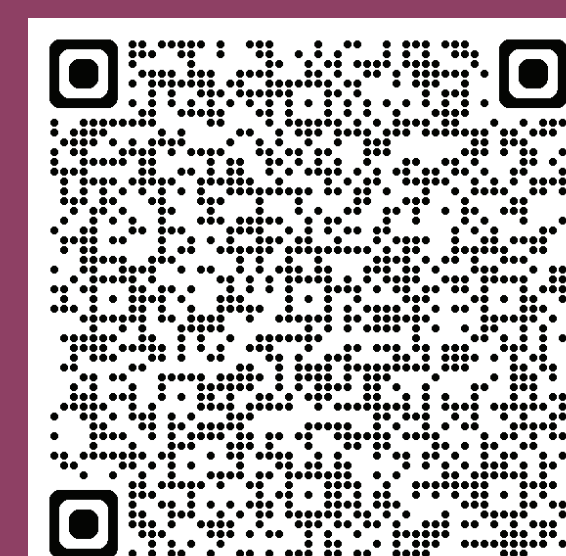
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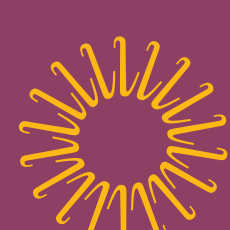
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The Miriam Hospital • Newport Hospital
Delivering health with care.®

Know Your Rights: Rhode Island Elections

The right to vote is one of the most important rights we have as American citizens and as Rhode Islanders. If you are a citizen and are at least 18 years of age, you have the right to vote in elections in your community. Every vote counts in our democracy, and the Office of the Attorney General and the RI Department of State are committed to protecting your right to vote.

We have created this guide to better explain your rights as a voter and share important resources prior to Election Day.

You have the right to vote without any pressure or intimidation.

It is illegal under Rhode Island law to use any means to intimidate voters either inside or outside of early voting locations, polling places, or near ballot drop boxes. Intimidating behavior can include words or actions. It is also illegal for anyone to block or attempt to block, by any means, voters from the entrance to an early voting location, polling place or ballot drop box. If you witness what you believe to be election-related crimes or unlawful conduct, please fill out the Attorney General's online [complaint form](#), email the Attorney General at voting@riag.ri.gov, email the RI Department of State's Elections Division at elections@sos.ri.gov, or contact your local police department immediately.



You have the right to vote by mail for any reason.

All voters can vote by mail. No reason is required. If you are mailing in your mail ballot application, you should send your mail ballot application at least seven days before the deadline to ensure that it is received on time. You can also turn in your application in person at your city or town hall until the deadline or apply online.

You should then mail your voted mail ballot at least seven days before Primary or Election Day to ensure that your mail ballot arrives by 8 PM on Primary or Election Day.

Alternatively, you can drop off your mail ballot at the Board of Elections or find a 24-hour elections drop box location at [vote.ri.gov](https://www.vote.ri.gov). Drop box receptacles will also be available at all polling places on Election Day. You can also track the status of your mail ballot using the [Department of State's website](https://www.sos.ri.gov).

You have the right to fix your mail ballot or mail ballot application if it is rejected.

If your mail ballot or mail ballot application is rejected, you will receive a letter from your local board of canvassers or the Board of Elections that tells you how to fix the mail ballot or mail ballot application. If for any reason you have not sent your corrected mail ballot to the Board of Elections at least seven days before Primary or Election Day, you should submit your mail ballot in a secure 24-hour elections ballot drop box to ensure your ballot is received and counted by the Board of Elections.

You have the right to vote in-person before Election Day.

In the 20 days leading up to Primary or Election Day, you can vote in person at a location designated by your city or town during their regular business hours, for any reason. Early voting is very similar to voting at a polling place and may be a good option if you are unable to vote at your usual polling place on Primary or Election Day or if you have run out of time to request a mail ballot. No reason is required to vote early.



You have the right to bring one of many different photo IDs to identify yourself at your voting location.

Rhode Island law requires that voters provide identification when voting early or at their polling place on Election Day. You can bring any one of the following documents with a photo so long as they are not more than 6 months expired: (1) Rhode Island driver's license/permit, (2) Rhode Island voter ID card, (3) U.S. Passport, (4) ID card issued by any federally recognized tribal government, (5) ID card issued by a U.S. educational institution, (6) U.S. military ID card, (7) ID card issued by the U.S. government or State of Rhode Island (RIPTA bus pass, etc.), (8) government issued medical card. The Department of State will provide voters with a Voter ID if they do not already possess a valid photo ID for voting.

You have the right to request a provisional ballot if you are a registered voter and your name is not on the voter list at your designated polling place, or if you don't have your acceptable photo ID.

If you are a registered voter, you have the right to vote at the polls on Primary or Election Day, even if your name cannot be found on the voter list when you arrive at your designated polling place. You can request a provisional ballot that will be counted once your local board of canvassers confirms your eligibility. You may also vote a provisional ballot if you do not have an acceptable form of photo identification.

You have the right to vote regardless of your gender identity.

Gender identity should never exclude anyone from voting. For information about voting as a trans person, visit the Department of State's [website](#).



You have the right to vote as soon as you are released from prison and you may also vote while you have been charged with a crime, are awaiting trial, sentencing, or incarceration.

For those Rhode Islanders who were unable to vote while imprisoned for a felony conviction, Rhode Island law restores your right to vote as soon as you leave prison. If you are sentenced to home confinement, probation, or parole, you are eligible to vote as are those Rhode Islanders that have been charged with a crime and are awaiting trial, sentencing, or incarceration.

You have the right to bring someone with you to vote.

You can bring someone to your voting location to help you vote if you require assistance. This person will be able to go into the voting booth with you to help you vote.

Useful links

[Voter Information Center](#)

[Protect voting rights](#)

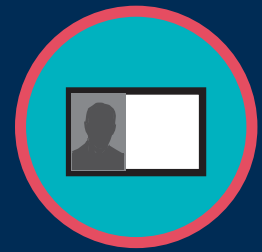
[Register to vote](#)

[Track your mail ballot](#)

[Election incident form](#)



Bring a valid photo ID to the polls



Poll workers will ask you to show a Photo ID when you vote at your polling place. Voter ID strengthens the public's faith in the integrity of our elections by enabling poll workers to match a voter's name to their face.

What is an acceptable Photo ID?

IDs must be valid and not have expired more than six (6) months prior to voting, but they do not need to have your current address.

Acceptable Photo IDs include:

- › RI driver's license/permit
- › U.S. passport
- › ID card issued by any federally recognized tribal government
- › ID card issued by an educational institution in the U.S.
- › U.S. military ID card
- › ID card issued by the U.S. government or State of Rhode Island (RIPTA bus pass, etc.)
- › Government issued medical card
- › RI Voter ID card

Please note that RI Driving Privilege Cards or Permits are not acceptable forms of Voter IDs.

Protecting Your Vote

No eligible voter will be turned away at the polls. Voters who do not bring ID to the polls can vote using a standard provisional ballot, which will be counted if the signature they give at the polling place matches the signature on their voter registration card.

Mail ballots do not require Voter ID, but do require signature verification.

**Don't have a valid photo ID?
Get a free Voter ID.**

Find out what documents you need to get a voter ID at vote.ri.gov

Voter ID Events

We can hold Voter ID events in your community. Contact the Elections Division to learn more.

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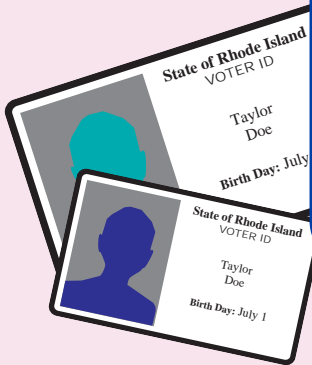
If you have changed your name legally and...

You do not have a License/State ID

You must update your voter registration with your legal name.

Get a free Voter ID

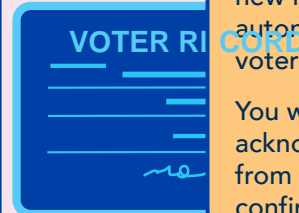
You can then get a free Voter ID that matches your voter registration.



You have a License/State ID

Updating your License/State ID with your new legal name will automatically update your voter record.

You will receive an acknowledgment notice from your city or town confirming your updates.

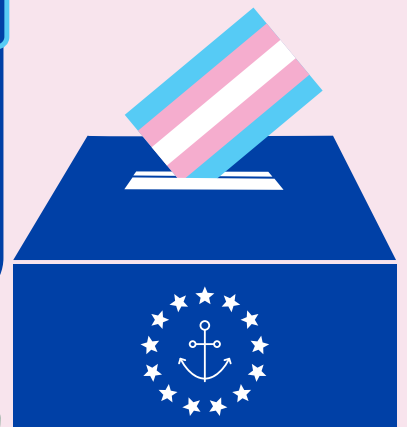
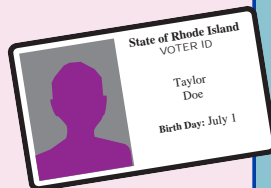


Review/Update your voter information
vote.ri.gov

If you have not legally changed your name

Get a Voter ID that better represents you!

Make an appointment with the Elections Division to get a free Voter ID that aligns with your appearance today.



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É assistente de cuidados pessoais e está à procura de emprego em Rhode Island?





¿Es usted un asistente de cuidado personal en busca de empleo en RI?

