RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
REFERRAL LIST
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The list is not intended to be all-inclusive but is meant to serve as a general guide, by topic/area, which may be helpful to you. You also are encouraged to dial "2-1-1" to access the statewide directory service of the United Way of Rhode Island.

ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) of Rhode Island – 831-7171

Affirmative Action: RI Affirmative Action Professionals – 261-0174

AIDS/HIV:  
‒ AIDS Hotlines: National – 1-800-448-0440  
  RI – 222-2320  
  ‒ AIDS Care Ocean State – 521-3603  
  ‒ AIDS Project RI – 831-5522  
  ‒ Family AIDS Center for Treatment & Support – 521-3603  
  ‒ Jewish AIDS Task Force – 421-4111, ext. 158

Alcoholism:  
See Substance Abuse

Attorney General: 274-4400

Blind/Visually Impaired:  
See Disability

Business: DBR (Dept. of Business Regulation) – 462-9500

Child Abuse/Neglect:  
‒ Child Abuse Hotline – 1-800-742-4453  
  ‒ DCYF (Dept. of Children, Youth and Families) – 528-3700  
  ‒ Office of Child Advocate – 462-4300  
  ‒ Children’s Friend & Service – 331-2900

Citizenship Status*: U.S. Dept. of Justice, Civil Rights Division  
  Immigrant and Employee Rights Section  
  *Worker Hotline: 1-800-255-7688  
  *Employer Hotline: 1-800-255-8155

*See also Immigrant Issues

Civil Liberties/Civil Rights: ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) of RI – 831-7171

Connecticut: CCHRO (CT Comm’n on Human Rights & Opportunities) – 860-541-3400

Consumer Issues (Fraud, etc.): Attorney General’s Office – 274-4400

Credit (Federal Law): U.S. Department of Justice – 709-5000

Deaf and Hard of Hearing:  
See Disability

Developmental Disability:  
See Disability
Disability:
- Access Issues: Governor’s Commission on Disabilities – 462-0100
  U.S. Department of Justice – 709-5000
- Advocacy: Rhode Island Disability Law Center – 831-3150 / TTY 831-5335
- Developmental Disabilities Council – 737-1238 (voice/TDD)
- Government Issues: U.S. Department of Justice – 709-5000
- Hearing Impaired: Comm’n on Deaf & Hard of Hearing – 256-5511 (Tel/Video Phone)
  RI Relay – Dial 7-1-1
- Mental Health: Office of Mental Health Advocate – 462-2003
- Ocean State Center for Independent Living – 738-1013
- Visually Impaired – IN-SIGHT – 941-3322

Diversity/Sensitivity Training:
The following organizations maintain referral lists:
- RI Affirmative Action Professionals, Jim Vincent – 261-0174
- RI for Community and Justice, Toby Ayers – 467-1717, ext. 102
- State Employment – Office of Diversity, Equity & Opportunity/
  State Equal Opportunity Office – 222-3090

Domestic Violence:  
- RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence – 467-9940
  *24-hour Helpline: 800-494-8100
  *English & Spanish Helpline – 723-3057
  *Sojourner House Helpline – 765-3232

Drugs:  See Substance Abuse

Education:  
- Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education – 222-4600
  - Segregation/Discrimination:  - U.S. Department of Justice – 709-5000
  - Title IX (Sex Discrimination) - U.S. Department of Justice – 709-5000

Elder Issues:  
- General: RI Division of Elderly Affairs – 462-3000/462-0740 (TTY)
  - Abuse: DEA Protective Services Unit – 462-0555

Employment Discrimination (Federal Law):
  EEOC (Boston Regional Office) – 800-669-4000/ TTY 800-669-6820

Employment, Equal Opportunity, State Employees:  State EEO – 222-3090

Environmental:  DEM (Dept. of Environmental Management) – 222-6800

Ethics:  
RI Ethics Commission – 222-3790

Ethnic/Cultural/Racial – Advocacy/Policy:
- ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) – 831-7171
- Cambodian Society of RI – www.Cambodiansri.org (Facebook, Twitter, Email)
- Hmong United Associations of RI – www.huari.org; Email: info@huari.org
- Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (Community Relations Council) – 421-4111
- Liberian Community Association of RI – 536-0041
- NAACP (Providence Branch) – 521-6222
- Progreso Latino – 728-5920
- RI Association of Chinese Americans – www.riaca.us; Email: info@riaca.us
- RI Indian Council – 781-1098
- RI Latino Civic Fund – Jose Batista, 415-0151 jose@jfbatistalaw.com
- Urban League of RI – 351-5000

E-Verify Issues: See Citizenship Status

FBI: 272-8310

FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act): Dept. of Labor and Training – 462-8550

Foster Care:  - DCYF (Dept. of Children, Youth and Families) – 528-3700
- Children’s Friend & Service – 331-2900
- Child & Family – 781-3669
- Foster Forward – 438-3900

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues:
- GLAD (Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders) – 800-455-GLAD; 617-426-1350
- “It Gets Better” Project (LGBTQ youth experiencing harassment) – www.itgetsbetter.org
- TGI Network of RI (Transgender/Gender-Variant/Inter-Sex Issues):
  www.tginetwork.org; Email: info@tginetwork.org
  *Trevor Project (crisis intervention/suicide prevention) – Lifeline: 866-488-7386;
  www.thetrevorproject.org
  - Youth Pride RI – 421-5626

Governor’s Office: 222-2080

Hate Crimes:  - Attorney General: Tom Palombo, Civil Rights Advocate – 274-4400/ext. 2296
- RI Commission on Prejudice and Bias: Facebook- www.hatecrimeri.org
  *Providence Hate Crime Hotline – 1-877-342-7463
  *The Victim of Crime Helpline 800-494-8100

Health & Safety, Workplace:
  Federal:
  Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA)
  Providence Area Office – 528-4669
  Boston Regional Office – 617-565-9860
  State:
  RI Dept. of Labor, Workforce Regulation and Safety – 462-8580

Health, General: Dept. of Health – 222-2231

Hearing Impaired: See Disability
Homelessness:  
- Amos House – 272-0220
- Crossroads RI – 521-2255
- Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless – 721-5685
- Rhode Island Housing – 457-1234
- United Way – 800-367-2700
- Urban League of Rhode Island – 351-5000

Housing (Federal Law):  
HUD (Boston Regional Office) – 617-994-8200/ TTY 617-565-5453

Immigrant Issues*:  
- Dorcas International Institute of RI – 461-5940
- Progreso Latino – 728-5920
- ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) of RI – 831-7171

*See also Citizenship Status

Institutionalized Persons:  
U.S. Department of Justice – 709-5000

John Hope Settlement House:  
421-6993
- Youth, Adult & Family Wellness Center
- Family Recreational Center
- Child Care Services

Labor Issues:  
Dept. of Labor & Training, Labor Standards Division – 462-8550

Landlord/Tenant:  
- City/Town Hall of residence of caller
- Rhode Island Housing – 457-1234
- RI Housing Resources Commission – 222-4893
- RI Legal Services – 274-2652

Lawyer, Discipline:  
Supreme Court – 222-3270

Lawyer, Referral:  
RI Bar Association, Lawyer Referral Service – 421-7799

Lead Issues, Housing:  
- LEAD Action – 785-1310
- RI Housing Resources Commission – 222-4893

Legal Aid:  
- Public Defender (criminal matters only) – 222-3492
- RI Legal Services – 274-2652; www.helprilaw.org
- RI Bar Association – 421-5740 (General)
  – 421-7799 (Lawyer Referral Service)

LGBTQ:  See Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues

Low-Income Advocacy:  
Economic Progress Institute – 456-8512

Massachusetts:  
MCAD (Mass. Commission Against Discrimination) – 617-994-6000

Mental Health:  See Disability
Military*: Employment Discrimination due to uniformed services employment or reemployment – U.S. Department of Justice – 709-5000

*See also Veterans

Police (Brutality/Other Complaints Against):
- Internal Affairs Division of Local Police Dept.
- FBI – 272-8310
- U.S. Department of Justice – 709-5000; 877-218-5228
- Other: - ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) – 831-7171
- DARE (Direct Action for Rights and Equality) – 351-6960

Prisoner Abuse: - ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) – 831-7171
- DARE (Direct Action for Rights and Equality – 351-6960
- State Police – 444-1111

Providence Human Relations Commission:
Providence City Hall – 421-7740 or 421-2489 x5494

Public Accommodation (Federal): - U.S. Department of Justice – 709-5000

Public Defender: 222-3492

Refugee Resettlement: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR):
- State Refugee Coordinator: Frederick Sneesby – 462-1669
- State Refugee Health Coordinator: Angela Ankoma – 222-7630
- ORR Regional Representative: Julie Munro (617) 565-3671

Sexual Assault: - Day One (formerly Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Ctr.) – 421-4100
*Victims of Crime Helpline: 800-494-8100

Sign Language Interpreting:
Comm’n on Deaf & Hard of Hearing – 256-5511 (Tel/Video Phone)

State Agencies > Directory: 222-2000

State EEO: 222-3090

State Police: - Hope Valley Barracks – 539-2323
- Lincoln Woods Barracks – 444-1100
- North Scituate Barracks – 444-1111
- Portsmouth Barracks – 849-4444
- Wickford Barracks – 294-3322

Substance Abuse: - Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council – 521-5759
- Al-Anon – 781-0044
- Ala-Teen – 781-0044, ext. 106
Suicide:
*National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 800-273-8255
*Samaritans of RI Suicide Prevention Emergency Line – 272-4044 (*staffed according to volunteer availability)
*Trevor Project (LGBTQ crisis intervention/suicide prevention) Lifeline: 866-488-7386

TDI (Temporary Disability Insurance): 462-8420 (voice)

Unemployment: 243-9100

Urban League of Rhode Island: 351-5000
- Adoption/Foster Care
- Advocacy
- Education/Training/Employment Services
- Health Promotion Programs
- Housing/Shelter Programs
- Support Services

Veterans:
*Crisis Line – 800-273-8255
-U.S. Department of Justice – 709-5000
  - Civil Relief Act
  - Employment and Reemployment Rights

Voting Rights (Federal Law): U.S. Department of Justice – 709-5000

Wage Issues: Dept. of Labor & Training, Labor Standards Division – 462-8550

Whistleblowers: Dept. of Labor & Training, Labor Standards Division – 462-8550

Women’s Issues: RI NOW (Nat’l Organization for Women) – Facebook: Rhode Island NOW

Worker’s Compensation: 462-8100