

# ***SUPPORT GROUPS IN RHODE ISLAND***



## **Support Group for Families & Caregivers of Children with Special Healthcare Needs – 2011**

**Day:** First Monday of Each Month

**Time:** 10:00 – 11:30 am

**Location:** Children's Neurodevelopment Center Conference Room – 593 Eddy St., Providence, RI

**Facilitated by:** Lisa Landry-Testa & Roberta Zimmerman

**Please Note:** Children are welcome; Parking is provided

**Questions?:** Call 444-8485 or email Tara Townsend at [townsend@ripin.org](mailto:townsend@ripin.org)

## **Grand Connections Support Group for Grandparents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

**Day:** Second Monday of Each Month

**Time:** 9:30 – 11:00 am

**Location:** The Autism Project, 1516 Atwood Ave, Johnston, RI

**Facilitated by:** Jennifer Garcia, Training Coordinator at the Autism Project

**Questions?:** Call 785-2666 ext. 1012 or email Jennifer Garcia at

[Jennifer@theautismproject.org](mailto:Jennifer@theautismproject.org)

## **Family Connections Support Group for caregivers with children who have Autism Spectrum Disorders**

**Day:** First Wednesday of Each Month

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Location:** The Autism Project, 1516 Atwood Ave, Johnston, RI

**Facilitated by:** Susan Baylis, Parent Consultant at the Autism Project

**Questions?:** Call 785-2666 ext. 1021

## **ASDads Support Group for fathers who have children with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

**Day:** Second Monday of Each Month

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**Location:** The Autism Project, 1516 Atwood Ave, Johnston, RI

**Facilitated by:** Susan Baylis, Parent Consultant at the Autism Project

**Questions?:** Call 785-2666 ext. 1021

## **Parent Support Group at Bradley Hospital**

**Day:** Second Thursday of Each Month

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Location:** Bradley Hospital – Pine Room

**Facilitated by:** Chris Brown

**Questions?:** Call 432-1205

**Self-Directed Supports User Group**

**Day:**

**Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 pm

**Location:** Sherlock Center on Disabilities @ Rhode Island College, 600 Mount Pleasant Ave, Providence, RI

**Facilitated by:** Claire Rosenbaum

**Please Note:** RSVP is required

**Questions?:** Call 456-4732 or email Claire at [crosenbaum@ric.edu](mailto:crosenbaum@ric.edu)

**Support Group for Parents of Children with Special Needs**

**Day:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month (excluding June, July & August)

**Time:** 10:00 – 11:30 am

**Location:** Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) – 1210 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, RI

**Facilitated by:** Betsy Masse, RIPIN Parent Consultant

**Please Note:** Children are welcome; Refreshments are provided

**Questions?:** Call 270-0101 ext. 139 or email Tara Townsend at [townsend@ripin.org](mailto:townsend@ripin.org)

**Support Group for Warwick Families & Survivors of Traumatic Brain Injury**

**Day:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month

**Time:** 5:30 – 7:00 pm

**Location:** Sargent Rehabilitation Center 800 Quaker Lane, Warwick

**Facilitated by:** Laurie Hicks, MSW, LICSW & Caroline Gojcz, LICSW

**Please Note:** RSVP is preferred

**Questions?:** Call 886-6600

**Support Group for Providence Families & Survivors of Traumatic Brain Injury**

**Day:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

**Time:** 4:00 – 5:00 pm

**Location:** SNERC at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital Cafeteria; 200 High Service Rd., North Providence

**Facilitated by:** Erin Bean

**Please Note:** RSVP is preferred

**Questions?:** Call 456-3944

**Support Group for Newport Families & Survivors of Traumatic Brain Injury**

**Day:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month

**Time:** 6:30 – 7:45 pm

**Location:** Vanderbilt Rehabilitation Center Newport Hospital; 16 Powel Ave, Newport

**Facilitated by:** Rebecca Vickers

**Please Note:** RSVP is preferred

**Questions?:** Call 461-6599

**Support Group for Cranston Families & Survivors of Traumatic Brain Injury**

**Day:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:30 pm

**Location:** Brain Injury Resource Center 935 Park Ave. Suite 8, Cranston

**Facilitated by:** Lisa Onarato

**Please Note:** RSVP is preferred

**Questions?:** Call 461-6599

**Support Group for Northern RI Families & Survivors of Traumatic Brain Injury**

**Day:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month

**Time:** 2:30 – 4:00 pm

**Location:** Pulmonary Rehab Room at the Rehab Hospital of RI in North Smithfield

**Facilitated by:** Linda Silva, P.T.A.

**Please Note:** RSVP is preferred

**Questions?:** Call 766-0800 ext. 5311

**CHADD of RI's Families of Children & Adolescents with Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group**

**Day:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (October – June)

**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Call for meeting location or visit us at [www.chadd.net/810](http://www.chadd.net/810)

**Questions?:** Call 943-9399

**RI Chapter of Asperger's Association of New England Parent Support Group**

**Day:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

**Time:** 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Bradley Hospital – 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Pine Room

**Facilitated by:** Barbara Whalen

**Please Note:** Call to verify times, no meetings during the summer.

**Questions?:** Call 333-1705

**Parents of School-aged Children newly diagnosed with Autism**

**Day:** Last Monday of each month

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**Location:** The Autism Project of RI  
51 Sockanosset Crossroads, Cranston, RI 02920

**Facilitated by:** Barbara Whalen

**Please Note:** RSVP is preferred

**Questions?:** Call 333-1705

**Support Group For Adults with Asperger's**

**Day:** Last Friday of each month, no meetings during the summer

**Time:** Call for time & location as well as to save your spot.

**Location:** Call

**Facilitated by:** Barbara Whalen

**Please Note:** \$3 charge for pizza night

**Questions?:** Call 331-1705

**Alliance for the Mentally Ill Children's Network's Support group for Parents of Emotionally Challenged or Challenging Children.**

**Day:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month

**Time:** Call for time.

**Location:** Bradley Hospital's Pine Room

**Facilitated by:** Chris Brown

**Questions?:** Call 726-4744 or 432-1205

**Families and Friends of People  
with Eating Disorder's Support  
Group**

**Day:** First Tuesday of each month

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**Location:** Butler Hospital

**Questions?:** Call 455-6228

**Multilingual Group for Abused  
Women (English, Spanish &  
Portuguese)**

**Day:** Friday Mornings

**Time:** Call for time

**Location:** Blackstone Shelter

**Questions?:** Call 723-3057

**The Samaritans of RI Safe Place  
Support Group**

**Day:** Every Tuesday, excluding holidays

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Location:** First Unitarian Church  
Community Center, 1 Benevolent Street,  
Providence

**Questions?:** Call 272.4243 or visit

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

**Battered Women's Support  
Group in Newport**

**Day:** Monday's & Wednesday's

**Time:** Monday 6:00 – 7:30 pm;

Wednesday 1:00 – 2:30 pm

**Location:** Women's Resource Center of  
Newport County, 114 Touro St.,  
Newport

**Questions?:** Call 846-5263

**Battered Women's Support  
Group in Warren**

**Day:** Call for day

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Location:** 517 Main St., Warren

**Questions?:** Call 846-5263