SUPPORT GROUPS IN RHODE ISLAND

Special Needs
Spanish Support Group for Families & Caregivers of Children with Special Healthcare Needs
Day: Third Saturday of Each Month
Time: 10:00 – 11:30 am
Location: Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) – 1210 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, RI
Facilitated by: Norma Herrera
Please Note: Children are welcome; Parking is provided
Questions: Call 270-0101 ext. 145 or email Norma at Herrera@ripin.org

Support Group for Parents of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Day: 2nd Saturday of each month
Time: 10:00 – 11:30 am
Location: Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) – 1210 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, RI
Facilitated by: Elsbeth Brown
Please Note: Children are welcome; Refreshments are provided; Sign Language Interpreter & Child Care available upon request
Questions: Call 270-0101 ext. 139 or email Tara Townsend at townsend@ripin.org

Self-Directed Supports User Group
Day: TBA
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

Autism Spectrum
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

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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

Family Connections Support Group for caregivers with children who have Autism Spectrum Disorders
Day: Second Wednesday of Each Month
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Location: Narragansett Pier Middle School Library, 235 South Pier Rd., Narragansett, 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

RI Chapter of Asperger's Association of New England Parent Support Group
Day: 2nd Monday of each month
Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Location: Bradley Hospital – 1st 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

Parents of Children diagnosed with Autism
Day: Last Friday of each month (except July & August)
Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Location: Hasbro Children’s Hospital Parents Lounge, 5th Floor
Questions: Call Donna Cambio at 444-7436

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Teen’s diagnosed with Autism
Day: Last Friday of each month (except July & August)
Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Location: Hasbro Children’s Hospital
Questions: Call Lisa Cantore at 444-6903

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

Mental Health
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

NAMI Providence
Day: last Thursday of the month
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Location: The Providence Center, 520 Hope St., Providence
Facilitated by: Jennifer McCarthy
Questions: 401-331-3060

NAMI Forensic Unit Support
Day: 1st Thursday of the month
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Location: Eleanor Slater Hospital, Forensic Unit – Pinel Building, Howard Avenue, Cranston
Facilitated by: Elaine Pezzullo
Questions: 401-942-9232

NAMI Kent County
Day: 2nd Tuesday of the month
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Location: The Kent Center, 2756 Post Rd., Warwick
Facilitated by: Jennifer McCarthy
Questions: 401-331-3060

NAMI Newport County
Day: 2nd Tuesday of the month
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Location: Newport Public Library, 300 Spring St., Newport
Facilitated by: Julie Toland
Questions: 401-846-9003 or jrtoland@cox.net
**Traumatic Brain Injury**
**Brain Talk Communities – an Online Support Group**
**Location:** www.massgeneral.org
**Questions:** Call 617-726-2000 or TDD: 617-724-8800

**Support Group for Warwick Families & Survivors of Traumatic Brain Injury**
**Day:** 1st 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:** 1st 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:** 2nd 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:** 3rd 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: 4th 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

Caregiver Support Group for People who are Caring for an Individual with Traumatic Brain Injury
Day: 1st Monday of each month
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Location: Resource Center 935 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910
Please Note: RSVP is preferred
Questions: Call 461-6599 or email braininjuryctr@biaofri.org

Cancer
Breast Cancer Support Group
Day: 1st Thursday of each month
Time: 5:00 – 6:30 pm
Location: Women & Infants Hospital, Providence – 2nd floor Breast Health Center
Questions: Call 274-1122 ext. 7284 or 230-3844

Gyn Cancer Support Group
Day: 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month
Time: 5:00 – 6:30 pm
Location: Women & Infants Hospital, Providence – 2nd floor Breast Health Center
Questions: Call 274-1122 ext. 7202

Kid’s Talk
For kids ages 6 to teen whose family members have been diagnosed with cancer
Day: Every Monday
Time: 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Location: Women & Infants Hospital, Providence – 2nd floor Breast Health Center
Questions: Call 274-1122 ext. 7284

Metastatic Breast Cancer Support Group
Day: 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month
Time: 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Location: Women & Infants Hospital, Providence – 2nd floor Breast Health Center
Questions: Call 274-1122 ext. 7284
**Violence**

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

Multilingual Group for Abused Women (English, Spanish & Portuguese)  
**Day:** Friday Mornings  
**Time:** Call for time  
**Location:** Blackstone Shelter  
**Questions:** Call 723-3057

**Miscellaneous**

CHADD of RI’s Families of Children & Adolescents with Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group  
**Day:** 1st 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

Amputee Support Group  
**Day:** Third Tuesday of each month  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Location:** RI Hospital  
**Questions:** contact Sham Ganglani at [riamputeesupport@gmail.com](mailto:riamputeesupport@gmail.com)

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
**Chron’s Disease & Colitis Support Group for Women**  
**Day:** 1st Wednesday of each month  
**Time:** 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
**Location:** 100 Dudley St., Providence – lower level classroom  
**Questions:** Call 453-7953

**Expressive Therapies Support Group**  
*Experience-guided meditation & hands-on art class to help transform feelings and emotions into images that help us find meaning through symbolic representation.*  
**Day:** Every Wednesday  
**Time:** 10:00 – 11:30 am  
**Location:** Women & Infants Hospital, Providence – 2nd floor Breast Health Center  
**Questions:** Call 274-1122 ext. 7104

**Lymphedema Support Group**  
**Day:** 1st Thursday of each month  
**Time:** 1:00 – 2:00 pm  
**Location:** One Blackstone Place, Providence, RI 02905; 3rd floor conference room  
**Questions:** Call Rebecca Stocker, DPT 274-1122 ext. 7280

**Miscarriage, Infant Death & Stillbirth Support Group**  
**Day:** 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month  
**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
**Location:** Ronald McDonald House, 45 Gay St., Providence – 2nd floor Breast Health Center  
**Questions:** Call 274-1122 ext. 4049

**Mended Hearts Support Group for Cardiac Patients and their Families**  
**Day:** First Tuesday of each month  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Fain Lecture Hall at Miriam Hospital  
**Questions:** Call Doris at 723-4541

**Breast Feeding Support Group**  
**Day:** Every Thursday  
**Time:** 12:30 – 2:30 pm  
**Location:** Noreen Stonor Drexel Birthing Center, Newport Hospital  
**Questions:** Call 845-1110

**Discovering M.E. “My Epilepsy” Family Support Group**  
**Day:** Second Tuesday of each month  
**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Peace Dale Elementary School, 109 Kersey Rd., Peace Dale, RI 02879  
**Facilitator:** Stacie Zamperini, M.Ed.  
**Questions:** Call Stacie at 782-8893 or email her at mszamp@cox.net
Stroke Support Group
Day: Second Wednesday of each month
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: RI Hospital: Leone Conference Room in the Comprehensive Cancer Center, 593 Eddy St.
Questions: Call Naomi at 444-8237 or email her at nthovmasian@lifespan.org

Support Group for Parents of Children living with mild to severe Food Allergies
Day: 3rd Wednesday of each month
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location: Hasbro Children’s Hospital Conference Room 151A
Facilitated by: Kathy Kirk
Please Note: RSVP is preferred
Questions: Call 682-1847 or email rifoodallergy@cox.net