



*Victoria Duarte*

Victoria Duarte is a Rhode Island Parent Information Network Early Intervention Parent Consultant.

She provides peer support services through the Early Intervention Parent Consultant Program.

Victoria is available onsite at Homestead or at your home to support you and your family.

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The Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing information and support to all Rhode Islanders.

The Parent Consultant program is one of eighteen programs within RIPIN that focus on helping families get more involved and become the best possible advocates for their children.

RIPIN's mission is to inform, educate, support, and empower families to be equal partners in advocacy for education, health, and socioeconomic well being of their children and families.

Each year RIPIN serves more than 85,000 Rhode Islanders.

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# Parent Consultant Services

to support children & families

available at  
The Homestead Group  
Early Intervention Program  
Woonsocket, RI

RIPIN

The Rhode Island Parent Information Network  
Parent Consultant Program

## Who are Parent Consultants?

Parent Consultants are parents or family members of a child who has been in an Early Intervention program. They have experience and knowledge about resources, supports and services in Rhode Island.

Parent Consultants are experienced in navigating the service delivery system in our state. They use their knowledge and training to educate and assist families in accessing community resources such as CEDARR (Rhode Island's care coordination program) and PAT (Parents as Teachers program).



Parent Consultants can help you!

Understand your child's Early Intervention services or special need;

Communicate more effectively with school personnel and health providers;

Understand your rights in the school system and in special education;

Connect with other families with similar circumstances;

Obtain parent guides about autism, hearing and special education

Parent Consultants offer information and support

- **Parent Education** - personalized home visits from certified parent educators to enhance your child's development. Also, activities and play groups.
- **Workshops & Support** - workshops and support groups to help you and your family
- **Program Eligibility** - childcare, early childhood programs, social services
- **Health Information** - food stamps, WIC, Rite Care/Rlte Share, Katie Beckett, health care transitions, medical equipment
- **Community Resources** - housing, utilities, after school programs, recreational activities, summer camp



## The Rhode Island Parent Information Network

The Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) employs Parent Consultants across the state in all Early Intervention sites.

RIPIN partners with Rhode Island's Dept. of Human Services (DHS) to provide training and support for the Parent Consultant program.

## For an appointment

with Homestead's Early Intervention Parent Consultant

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