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## Best Practices

for Children, Youth and Individuals with  
Special Health Care Needs and Their Families

March 18, 2010 7:30 am - 4:00 pm  
The RI Convention Center, Providence, RI

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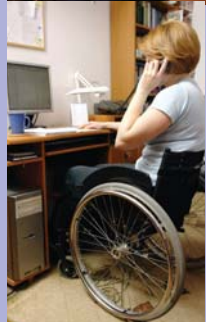
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contact Marilyn McCullough at 401.270.010 x112 or [mccullough@ripin.org](mailto:mccullough@ripin.org)

# Join Us!

This conference will focus on **Best Practices** for children, youth and individuals with special health care needs and their families by:

- » Demonstrating and promoting family /professional partnerships successfully at work throughout Rhode Island.
- » Educating family members and professionals on available resources, services and supports.
- » Sharing information on programs, eligibility and populations served.

**Registration** 7:30-8:30 am

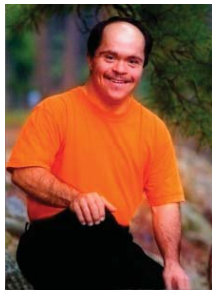
**Breakfast/Exhibitors/Networking**

**Welcoming Remarks** 8:30 am

David R. Gifford, MD, MPH  
Director, RI Department of Health

## Keynote Address

Mark Hugo Nasjleti  
Self-Advocate, Founder  
*Go Voice For Choice*  
Springfield, MA



Mark is a member of the Wellness Coalition, a group of representatives of provider agencies and advocacy organizations in northwestern Massachusetts. They are working with ServiceNet, a provider agency that has a grant from the MA Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation to study the causes of the 25-year disparity in the longevity of people with disabilities and those without disabilities – and to develop programs and activities that will improve health and life satisfaction.

## Session I

- RI Findings from the National Children's Health Survey
- PLAN RI: Who Will Care for my Child When I'm Gone?
- Understanding Behavioral Health Services for Neighborhood Health Plan Members
- Comprehensive Health Integration for Preemies (CHIP)
- USDA Single Family Housing Opportunities

## Session II

- Preparing for an Emergency: Are You Ready?
- Navigating Health Care: Don't be Left Out in the Cold!
- ALL Children Born to Learn and Grow: Early Intervention (EI) and Parents as Teachers (PAT)
- Six Core Outcomes in Maternal & Child Health
- Learn to See Again

## Lunch, Exhibits & Networking

12:15-1:45 pm

## Session III

- Teens & Healthcare, A Team Sport: Are you in the Game?
- Home & Community Based Practices: Families and Youth with Serious Emotional, Behavioral, and Mental Health Challenges
- Special Needs Planning: Financial Challenges & Choices
- Social Thinking: Life Skills / Independent Living
- Strengthening Medical Homes in Rhode Island

## Afternoon Plenary

Charlie Collins  
CEO, Founder  
*Vision Dynamics*  
Cheshire, Connecticut



For 13 years, Charlie has been inspiring and showing people with visual impairment, and everyone else he meets, how to live life to its fullest. He has experienced several states of distress; anger, shame, disbelief. His self-esteem hit rock bottom. Today, he is a successful entrepreneur who founded a retail store that sells adaptive equipment for those with blindness and low vision. Charlie travels the Eastern seaboard giving motivational talks to inspire and empower his audiences.

## Confirmed Speakers:

Rita E. Bellinger

Jennifer Buckley, MSW, LICSW

Ellen Cavanaugh, MSW, LICSW

Amy Marchand Collins

Charlie Collins

Lisa Conlon

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Cheryl Cotter, M Ed

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