



RI WORKS

RI Works is a **financial and employment assistance program** for parents and families **with children who have little to no income.**

In 2024, **68%** of RI Works beneficiaries were children, and **39%** of the children enrolled in RI Works were **under the age of six.**

PASS

HB7689 (HANDY) & SB### (MURRAY)

CHILD SUPPORT PASS THROUGH



Child support is a vital tool for reducing child poverty and easing financial stress. Vote to increase the amount single-parent families receive from \$50 per month to \$100 for one child and \$200 for two or more children per month.

MEET THE POVERTY LINE



RI Works benefits cover just 41% of the federal poverty level (FPL) for a family of three, putting children at risk of deeper poverty and basic needs insecurity. Raising benefits to 100% of the FPL would help families achieve greater stability.



ELIMINATE HOUSING PENALTY

Families receiving subsidized housing have their RI Works cash benefit reduced by \$65 per month, making it harder to afford basic needs. Vote to end this unfair housing penalty and support family stability.



RESTORE ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS

Policy changes have forced Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs/Green Card holders) to wait five years to be eligible for RI Works, cutting resources from communities in need. Vote to restore eligibility for LPRs.

FUND RI FAMILIES

- Ensure that parents receive more of their child support benefits.
- Empower families on the frontline of the housing crisis.
- Help families on the path toward financial independence.
- Eliminate unfair penalties on immigrant families.





RAISING RHODE ISLAND

Lifting Children & Families Out of Deep Poverty

COALITION MEMBERS IN SUPPORT:

- BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NEWPORT
- CENTER FOR SOUTHEAST ASIANS
- COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF PROVIDENCE
- COMMUNITY CARE ALLIANCE
- COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
- CRANSTON CLERGY ASSOCIATION
- CROSSROADS RHODE ISLAND
- DIRECT ACTION FOR RIGHTS AND EQUALITY
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCE CENTER OF SOUTH COUNTY
- DORCAS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RI
- EQUAL EXCHANGE
- EQUUS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS
- ECONOMIC PROGRESS INSTITUTE
- FACILITATE CHANGE
- FAMILY SERVICE OF RHODE ISLAND
- FORMERLY INCARCERATED UNION OF RI
- FOSTER FORWARD
- GENESIS CENTER
- GOODWILL OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
- HOUSING NETWORK OF RI
- THE IMMIGRANT COALITION OF RHODE ISLAND
- JEWISH ALLIANCE OF GREATER RHODE ISLAND
- JONNYCAKE CENTER OF PEACE DALE
- THE LATINO POLICY INSTITUTE
- THE MILAGROS PROJECT
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER
- NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH PLAN OF RHODE ISLAND
- NEWPORT PARTNERSHIP FOR FAMILIES
- PROGRESO LATINO
- RESCARE WORKFORCE SERVICES
- RHODE ISLAND AFL-CIO
- RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION
- THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK
- RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CENTER ASSOCIATION
- THE RHODE ISLAND INTERFAITH COALITION TO REDUCE POVERTY
- RHODE ISLAND KIDS COUNT
- RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY
- RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN
- RHODE ISLAND PARENT INFORMATION CENTER
- RHODE ISLAND ORGANIZING PROJECT
- THE RIGHT FROM THE START CAMPAIGN
- SCANDINAVIAN CHURCH
- SEIU 1199NE
- SISTA FIRE
- SOJOURNER HOUSE
- PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
- TEMPLE SINAI SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE
- TOMAQUAG MUSEUM
- TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
- UNITED WAY OF RHODE ISLAND
- URI FEINSTEIN HUNGER CENTER
- WASHINGTON COUNTY COALITION FOR CHILDREN
- WEST ELMWOOD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
- WESTBAY COMMUNITY ACTION
- WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER
- THE WOMXN PROJECT
- WOODRIDGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
- WORKING CITIES NEWPORT

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