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<b>Workforce Investment Act (WIA)</b> <a href="http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/wia/act.cfm">www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/wia/act.cfm</a>	Federal	To consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy and vocational rehabilitation programs.	One-Stop Partners: adult, dislocated worker, and youth activities, employment service, adult education under WIA, Voc Rehab under WIA, welfare to work, Title V of Older Americans act, trace adjustment assistance, NAFTA-TAA, veterans employment and training programs, community services block grant, HUD, Unemployment insurance, Local board and Local elected official may approve participants of other programs	Core services-all individuals (even those employed); intensive services-unemployed eligible; if funds limited, welfare recipients and low-income individuals receive priority for intensive services.
<b>Governor's Workforce Board</b> <a href="http://www.rihric.com/">www.rihric.com/</a>	Executive Order	Policy and state job development funds		
<b>Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island</b> <a href="http://www.griworkforce.com/">www.griworkforce.com/</a>	Federal and State legislation WIA 1998 and RI S-1199	To plan, implement, oversee and coordinate workforce and economic development efforts within the Greater Rhode Island workforce investment area.	Local educational agencies, organized labor and majority private sector, Community-based organizations (including those serving veterans and people with disabilities), economic development, reps. Of each one-stop partner, others selected by LEO	37 cities and towns
<b>Workforce Solutions of</b>	Federal and State legislation	To plan, implement, oversee and coordinate	Local educational agencies,	Providence and Cranston

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<b>Providence/Cranston</b> <a href="http://www.workforcesolutionspc.com/index.php">www.workforcesolutionspc.com/index.php</a>	WIA 1998 and RIS-1199	workforce and economic development efforts within the Providence and Cranston workforce investment area.	organized labor and majority private sector, Community-based organizations (including those serving veterans and people with disabilities), economic development, reps. Of each one-stop partner, others selected by LEO	
<b>Governor's Workforce Cabinet: not disability specific</b>	No	To work with all state departments whose programming intersects with workforce development so that efforts are streamlined, non-duplicative and agency directors are informed.	Director of Higher Educ. Commissioner of Educ. Directors of DEA, DLT, Director of MHRH,DCYF,DHS, Corrections, Secretary of OHHS Mental Health programs and services Children in state care Probation and prison	State colleges and universities K-12 students Elderly and disabled Employers, job seekers, UI, TDI, WC Oversight of 4 agencies Mental health  Foster care, RI Training School Criminal offenders
<b>Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation</b> <a href="http://www.riedc.com/">www.riedc.com/</a>	The Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation is the full service, official economic development organization for the state of	Its mission is to create jobs, help companies expand and develop their workforce, and identify opportunities to bring new companies into our state.		The agency assists companies with commercial real estate, business financing, workforce training and other relevant issues.

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	Rhode Island. A quasi-public agency, the Corporation serves as a government and community resource to help streamline the business expansion in, and relocation to, Rhode Island.			
<b>Vocational Rehabilitation: adults with disabilities</b> <a href="http://www.ors.ri.gov/VR.html">www.ors.ri.gov/VR.html</a>	Yes, Federal—the Rehabilitation Act	To be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services, you must - 1) have a physical or mental impairment which is a substantial barrier to employment, and 2) require vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment, and 3) be able to benefit from vocational rehabilitation services in terms of an employment outcome. If you are receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), your <b>vocational</b> rehabilitation office will presume that you are eligible for vocational rehabilitation services.	Adults with disabilities who want to work.	<p>The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program is the public state and federally funded program that assists individuals with disabilities to choose, prepare for, obtain and maintain employment. Employment being the successful outcome of services provided through the public vocational rehabilitation program. It is expected that individuals with disabilities who apply for services are interested in becoming employed and understand that this is the focus of the VR program.</p> <p>Services provided statewide</p>
<b>RI Developmental</b>	Yes, Federal.	The Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council (RIDDC) promotes the implementation	The Governor appoints the 24 Rhode Islanders serving on the	Children and adults with developmental disabilities in

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<p><b>Disabilities Council (RIDDC): children and adults with developmental disabilities</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.riddc.org/">www.riddc.org/</a></p>	<p>The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 Public Law 106-402 (typically called the DD Act) is federally implemented by the (ADD) Administration on Developmental Disabilities.</p> <p>Title 1 in the Act explains the functions of DD Councils.</p> <p>Federal Law requires the Council to identify ways to improve services for individuals and their families, and to submit these to the federal government in the form of a State Plan.</p> <p>The Plan addresses specific information required by federal law within specified priority areas, and</p>	<p>of an individual and family centered comprehensive system of a wide array of options for services and supports that will assist persons with developmental disabilities to achieve self-determination and maximize independence, productivity, integration, inclusion and quality of life.</p> <p>RIDDC achieves its goals through advocacy efforts directed at systems change, capacity building, and public education.</p> <p>The R.I. Developmental Disabilities Council's Mission is to work within communities to promote change that:</p> <p><i>encourages, inspires, makes it possible</i> for individuals with disabilities to: <i>Create, pursue and achieve lives</i> that are <i>personally satisfying... lives that are Meaningful, Productive, Healthy and Safe.</i></p>	<p>Council as Full Members. Most are people with developmental disabilities and their family members. Others are representatives of agencies and groups that work for people with disabilities. There are also 20 individuals serving on the Council as Associate Members. These individuals are appointed by the RIDDC Exec Com.</p>	<p>RI.</p>

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	<p>includes the Council's determination of Rhode Island's priority issues and resulting Council goals and objectives for the time period covered by the Plan.</p> <p>The Plan must be approved by the federal (ADD) Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD).</p>			
<p><b>PARI Independent Living Center: Adults with disabilities</b>  <a href="http://www.pari-ilc.org/">www.pari-ilc.org/</a></p>	<p>Yes, Federal—the Rehabilitation Act</p>	<p>To provide four core independent living services, including Advocacy, Peer Counseling, Skills Training and Information and Referral. Mandated to serve all disability types and to have 51% of Board and Staff being persons with disabilities.</p>	<p>Consumer members</p>	<p>Adults with disabilities of all types. Provide all four services throughout the state.</p>
<p><b>Rhode Island Parent Information Network, INC. (RIPIN): not disability specific</b>  <a href="http://www.ripin.org/">www.ripin.org/</a></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>RIPIN is RI's federally designated and funded Parent Training and Information Network, Parent Information and Resource Center, and Family to Family Health Information Center. We are home to Family Voices, have contracts with the RI DOH and DHS to provide parent consultant services and peer resource specialist services, and we are an Employment Network.</p> <p>Our vision is that individuals, parents, and families will advocate for themselves, ensuring that their needs for health, educational, and socio-economic supports are met. Our objective is to influence society's view and value of</p>	<p>Provides technical assistance and training to parents and groups</p>	<p>Community: parents, agencies, schools</p>

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		<p>families, diversity, and disabilities, reducing stigma, advocating for full inclusion and shifting societal perceptions toward acceptance of individual differences. RIPIN will work directly with organizations, institutions, and communities to address gaps and deficiencies so that, individuals, parents and families are better served and viewed as equal partners. We envision systems that produce better outcomes for the individual, family, child and community.</p> <p>Our mission is to assist individuals, parents, families and children to achieve their goals for health, educational, and socio-economic well being by providing information, education, training, support and advocacy for person/family centered care and systems change.</p>		
<p><b>Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired: Individuals with specific visual impairments</b>  <a href="http://www.ors.ri.gov/SBVI.html">www.ors.ri.gov/SBVI.html</a></p>	<p>Yes, Federal—the Rehabilitation Act</p>	<p><b>Adults:</b> In order to promote employment and independent living opportunities for adults with visual impairments, these units employ rehabilitation counselors, social workers, rehabilitation teachers, and mobility instructors. Services may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assessment, counseling, and guidance;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Training in mobility, daily living skills, and communication (including Braille);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vocational training;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Adaptive equipment;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Job development and placement.</li> </ul> <p>Assistance is offered for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Financial and medical benefits;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Housing;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Property and income tax exemptions;</li> </ul>		<p>Children and adults</p> <p>To be eligible for services, you must be visually impaired, with acuity of 20/60 or less in the better eye with correction, or a field loss of twenty degrees or less in the better eye.</p> <p>Services are provided statewide.</p>

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<b>Housing Resource Commission: eligibility based on income, not disability specific</b> <a href="http://www.hrc.ri.gov/index.php">www.hrc.ri.gov/index.php</a>	Yes/State 1998  Legislative mandate.	Established to be the planning and policy, standards and programs agency for housing issues. The Commission's purpose is to ensure that all Rhode Islanders have access to safe and affordable housing.	A 27 member Commission, representing a wide range of constituents, from government to providers to advocates.	Low, very low and extremely low income Rhode Islanders.
<b>Governor's Council on Behavioral Health: Representing individuals with behavioral health needs</b> <a href="http://www.bhddh.ri.gov/bhservices/">www.bhddh.ri.gov/bhservices/</a>	Federal and State Mandate Yes per Block Grant and State Legislation	The Council is the mental health planning council. It reviews and evaluates mental health needs and problems. It stimulates and monitors the development, coordination and integration of statewide mental health services. The Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor.	Community members, community agencies, state agencies	Children and adults with behavioral health care needs. Services provided statewide