

Identified Needs and Resources to Help

Need Support with:	Resources
Cribs, car seats, clothing, baby equipment, Holiday gifts, Teen grants, Financial Literacy for Teens (Aspire)	<p>Foster Forward 55 S Brow St, East Providence, RI 02914 Phone: 401-438-3900 Website: www.fosterforward.net Find us on Facebook!</p> <p>The Village for RI Foster and Adoptive Families 139 Ocean Ave. Cranston, RI Phone: (401) 481-5483 Website: www.rivillage.org Find us on Facebook!</p>
Car Seat Regulations	R.I.G.L. § 31-22-22 – all children age 2 and under rear facing
How to obtain medical/dental cards	<p>Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP) call 1-800-963-1001; Medical Assistance Member Services (Anchor Card) – N/A no active # at this time; DCYF can obtain the 10-digit # only – cards are mailed by DHS; RISmiles (United Health Dental) 1-866-375-3257</p>
Counseling/therapy for children/youth	Neighborhood Health Plan- Beacon Health Strategies 1-800-963-1001; all referrals must be made by assigned DCYF SCW
Counseling/therapy for caregiver	Work with own insurance. Ask peers for recommendations.
Need immediate in-home supportive services	Contact assigned DCYF SCW, Licensing/Family Resource Division and/or kinship training facilitator
Social Connections/Support	Foster Forward and/or The Village for RI Foster and Adoptive Families
How to obtain DCYF Travel Reimbursement Forms	<p>www.fosterforward.net</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ select Resources ➤ select Foster Parent Resources ➤ select DCYF Travel reimbursement programs <p>OR</p> <p>www.RIVillage.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ select Resources ➤ select Printable forms ➤ select Transportation reimbursement form <p>Directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms must include your name, address, child's name and his/her social caseworker's name; • Form does not need to be completed and submitted by the 16th of each month; you can choose to submit when you fill the page etc. but in a timely fashion; • REMEMBER TO MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM to: DCYF Budget & Management/Business Office or drop off at 101 Friendship St. Providence, RI 02903
Questions about foster board payment, travel reimbursement, clothing stipend	Contact DCYF Budget and Management Office (401) 528-3628 or (401) 528-3649

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Child Care	To get child care paid, you must utilize a DCYF licensed child care. To find a provider go to: https://exceed.ri.gov/ You can choose to use someone else (i.e. extended family member or family friend) to watch the child, but you will have to pay for it out of pocket – provide the name of such person to the assigned DCYF SCW
Navigating Educational System/Educational Resources	Educational advocate (must be referred) RI Parent Information Network 1210 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI 02920 Phone: 401-270-0101 Website: www.ripin.org
Meeting needs for children with special health care needs	RI Parent Information Network
Childcare/babysitting/respice	Build peer networks through Foster Forward and/or The Village so that you can exchange childcare. If out of options, may request respice, in advance, from the assigned DCYF worker for specific circumstances
Support/Guidance for birth parents	Be the best support that you can be. Share information on programs or supports you know of.
Legal understanding and information	Peer networks/online support group through The Village
How to obtain information regarding obtaining an attorney for adoption/legal guardianship (possible suggestions)	Contact Adoption RI 401-865-6000 or www.adoptionri.org – select Resources and Referrals; Speak with current/previous foster parents; or Contact the Family Court for names of practicing attorney's
How to obtain DCYF Court Reporting Form	Reporting form will be mailed to you prior to the 1 yr. Permanency Hearing OR www.RIVillage.org ➤ select Resources ➤ select Printable forms ➤ select Family Court Report form
Completing Forms	Depending on what forms you can ask social worker, peers, trainers, licensing worker, home study consultant
Support with Basic Needs	Community programs such as CCAP, Tri-Town etc. Every town has one.
Working effectively with DCYF	Peer advice through Foster Forward and/or The Village

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