


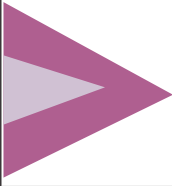





Summary of Adoption Rhode Island (ARI) Service Array – How we can help.

Below are brief summaries of major ARI programs and services that are available to Rhode Island children, youth and families.


For additional information about the service array below or additional programming, please reach out to the identified contacts below or ARI Chief Program Officer, Nicole Fiero, nfiero@adoptionri.org.

Program Overview	Service Highlights	Eligibility/Audience Served
<p>Teen Focus</p> <p>Program is funded by DCYF, plus supplemental benefits and opportunities funded by donations and grants.</p> <p>To learn more contact: Alex DeRita, adrerita@adoptionri.org 401-865-6000, ext. 326</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports lifelong connections and improves readiness to transition to adulthood • Youth-driven recruitment • Family search and engagement • Clarification of life story & identity • Relational & cultural permanency • Educational and vocational advocacy <p>Additional support includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life skills education, housing assistance, resume writing and job search, Continuing Education, Drivers Ed, support for basic needs. 	<p>Youth must meet at least one:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary goal of APPLA • Age 16 or older and discharging from RI Youth Development Center or Temporary Community Placement in the coming 12 weeks, or sooner • Age 16 or older and on juvenile probation <p>Referrals - through CRU</p>
<p>Thriving Together</p> <p>Program is funded by DCYF, plus supplemental benefits and opportunities funded by donations and grants.</p> <p>To learn more contact: Melissa Santoro, msantoro@adoptionri.org 401-865-6000 ext. 373</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma-focused treatment via a menu of services • Evidence-based clinical and supportive interventions • Community-based providers with trauma-informed permanency competence • Individual & family counseling / trauma treatment • Parent / caregiver education, support, and advocacy • Psychoeducational, clinical, & support groups, including for Kinship families • Supported community activities 	<p>Groups served:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victims of prolonged and complex trauma • Youth in need of permanency. • Children and/or families with complex needs • Youth residing with kinship caregivers • Families in need of parent education <p>Eligibility: Children ages 0 to 21 and open to DCYF, and caregivers including birth parents, kinship caregivers, siblings, guardians, and pre-adoptive and adoptive parents.</p> <p>Referrals – through CRU</p>

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<p>Adoption and Guardianship</p> <p>Program is funded by DCYF with grants from the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, plus supplemental benefits and opportunities funded by donations and grants.</p> <p>To learn more contact: Beth Capron, bcapron@adoptionri.org, 401-865-6000 ext. 313</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching, placement, and permanency planning • Child-focused and child-specific recruitment that includes Wendy's Wonderful Kids® (WWK) and Extreme Family Finding® • General and targeted recruitment • Outreach and support to foster families interested in adoption or guardianship • Interstate assistance • Post-permanency services for youth placed by the Wendy's Wonderful Kids model • Education, technical assistance and consultation to DCYF professionals 	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and youth in care with a permanency goal of adoption or guardianship • Families interested in adoption or guardianship • Post-permanency families supported by WWK • DCYF professionals, through technical assistance and consultation <p>Referrals – Beth Capron, bcapron@adoptionri.org 401-865-6000 ext. 313</p> 
<p>Preserving Families</p> <p>Program is funded by DCYF, plus supplemental benefits and opportunities funded by donations and grants.</p> <p>To learn more contact: Melissa Santoro, msantoro@adoptionri.org 401-865-6000, ext. 373</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case management and advocacy • Family stabilization and preservation Individual, family, and group counseling • Parent education and support groups • Enrichment and recreational activities • Instills hope that healthy family functioning is achievable • Consultation related to birth family and kinship relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre- or Post-adoption family in crisis • On the verge of disruption or dissolution • For pre-adoption families – a date is set for finalization • Step down from residential or hospital stays • EOS Step Down <p>Referrals – Email supportinfo@adoptionri.org</p>
<p>Making KINnections</p> <p>Program is funded by Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP), a HUD initiative, plus supplemental benefits and opportunities funded by donations and grants.</p> <p>To learn more contact: Marcie Baker-Hinds, mbakerhinds@adoptionri.org 401-297-2042</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizes family search and engagement to identify and establish connections and reconnections with family and other natural supports • Improves social-emotional well-being • Increases natural supports • Assistance with basic needs, education, employment and life skills • Provides a temporary stipend to a host home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young adults ages 18-25 experiencing housing instability or homelessness • DCYF-involvement not required. <p>Referrals – Marcie Baker-Hinds, mbakerhinds@adoptionri.org</p> 

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<p>Copley Chambers</p> <p>Program is funded through public and private funding.</p> <p>To learn more contact: Marcie Baker-Hinds, mbakerhinds@adoptionri.org 401-297-2042</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to Copley Chambers tenants • Support in achieving educational, vocational, and employment goals • Support in connecting or re-connecting for safe, supportive permanency • Support for building life skills • Workshops and community networking /connection opportunities • Assistance with basic needs including food insecurity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former foster youth ages 18 to 24 <p>Referrals – Marcie Baker-Hinds, mbakerhinds@adoptionri.org</p> 

The following opportunities are available to children, youth and families in our foster and adoption communities to promote well-being and enrichment. These programs and services are provided through ARI fundraising from private donors, grant funders and other partners.

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<p>Camperships</p> <p>To learn more contact: Bernie Hicks, bhicks@adoptionri.org, 401-865-6000, ext. 304</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial grants to enable youth to attend camp, or other summer enrichment or recreational activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster and adoption community. Child or youth impacted by foster care or adoption <p>Application process opens in spring</p>
<p>Express Yourself</p> <p>To learn more contact: Bernie Hicks, bhicks@adoptionri.org, 401-865-6000, ext. 304</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts-based groups featuring a therapeutic element • Includes dinner and an activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and youth who have been impacted by foster care or adoption and their caregivers <p>Schedule posted on ARI's social media.</p>
<p>Foster and Adoption Community Events, Activities & Enrichment</p> <p>To learn more contact: Bernie Hicks, bhicks@adoptionri.org 401-865-6000, ext. 304</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-being and enrichment activities offered throughout the year • Forever Siblings • Hasbro Holiday Party • ARI Holiday Drive • Jockey Being Family Back to School Bash and more! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children, youth and young adults impacted by foster care or adoption <p>Some events or activities may have more specific eligibility criteria.</p>
<p>Behavioral Health and Wellness</p> <p>Program is funded by VOCA, private insurance, plus supplemental benefits and opportunities funded by donations and grants</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption and permanency-competent, trauma-informed counseling services • Family stabilization and preservation • Kinship and parent workshops • Advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth, families and child welfare professionals impacted by foster care and adoption <p>Referrals – Supportinfo@adoptionri.org</p>