

## **American Cancer Society/**

### **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**

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The American Cancer Society (ACS) is a nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer and diminishing problems associated with a cancer diagnosis through programs of research, education, advocacy, and service. ACS is leading the fight for a world without cancer by making breakthroughs in research, helping patients with free rides to treatment, providing 24/7 answers to cancer questions, and urging lawmakers to make cancer a top priority.

## **American Heart Association**

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The American Heart Association is committed to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives for children. Learn more about the 2019-2020 Kids Heart Challenge and American Heart Challenge school site programs for elementary, middle and high schools. Join the American Heart Association and prepare students for a future of success both physically and emotionally. While emphasizing whole body wellness, American Heart Association programs engage students in cardio-pumping challenges like Jump Rope, Basketball, Warrior Obstacle Courses and Dance.

## **BeSMART Campaign**

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The BeSMART campaign was launched by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America to promote responsible gun ownership and reduce child gun deaths. The campaign focuses on education and awareness about child gun deaths and responsible gun storage.

## **Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island**

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Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) is a non-profit, community-focused health plan established in 1939 to help Rhode Islanders finance their healthcare needs. We are committed to improving the health and peace of mind of our nearly 400,000 members by facilitating their access to affordable, high-quality healthcare. We are the proud funder of Recess Rocks in RI in partnership with Playworks NE and RI Healthy Schools Coalition and are committed to a healthy weight for the next generation. We are an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Visit us at bcbsri.com.

## **BOKS: Build Our Kids' Success**

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BOKS is a free physical activity program that improves our children physically, mentally and socially by strengthening their minds and bodies through movement.

## **BoldrDash**

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BoldrDash, established in 2011, is Rhode Island's Original Obstacle Course Event Series. In 2020, BoldrDash will introduce BoldVentures, which encourages verbal and nonverbal communication during interactive play, challenging kids to turn obstacles into opportunities for growth. In a world filled with electronics, photo memes and text messaging, BoldVentures allows kids to engage both physically and mentally in overcoming obstacles together.

## **Calise Bakery**

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We're a Rhode Island based staple for fresh, whole-grain rich bread and roll products that kids love. While delivering a small, hometown bakery taste to our customers since 1908, we're proud to say that Calise Bakery is a New England favorite. We service thousands of customers including hundreds of schools, colleges and universities every week because of our rigorous commitment to freshness, quality, food safety standards and customer service and we intend to keep it that way.

## **EvanLEE Organics**

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Our indoor terraponic grow rack system is 100% organic and will produce the best tasting, healthiest, and fastest growing produce available right in your school! Grow and eat fresh organic produce year-round while enjoying the many health benefits of being organic.

**Farm to School RI****Stephanie Bush**[stephanie@farmfreshri.org](mailto:stephanie@farmfreshri.org)

RI Farm to School works to enrich the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices. Students gain access to healthy, local foods and interactive educational opportunities, while farmers grow food that feeds their communities and provides viable economic opportunities.

**F.I.T. Club****Kristin Anderson**[kristinlehr@gmail.com](mailto:kristinlehr@gmail.com)

F.I.T. Club (Framework for Integrated Teaching) promotes health and wellness for children of all ages using literacy and collaborative approaches in schools, afterschool programs, and in the home. Children explore food sourcing and production, cooking, sustainability, nutrition, and disease through clubs centered on these three themes: Young Farmers Club, Young Chefs Club and Young Doctors Club.

**Girls on the Run RI****Stephanie Moore**[stephanie.moore@girlsontherun.org](mailto:stephanie.moore@girlsontherun.org)

Our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. As a national physical activity-based positive youth development program (PA-PYD), Girls on the Run (GOTR) is one of a kind. The program is for girls in grades 3-8 and is offered in all 5 RI counties. GOTR employs running and other physical activities as a platform for teaching essential life skills and core values for living an active and healthy lifestyle.

**Gotham Greens****Julie McMahon**[julie@gothamgreens.com](mailto:julie@gothamgreens.com)

Gotham Greens is a global pioneer in urban agriculture and a leading consumer brand of premium-quality local produce and fresh food products. All of Gotham Greens' products are grown using ecologically sustainable methods in high-tech, climate controlled, urban greenhouses. The company currently has five greenhouses in New York City and Chicago and will open new locations in Providence, Chicago and Baltimore later this year. [www.gothamgreens.com](http://www.gothamgreens.com)

**Henry Barnard School****Jim Murphy**[jmurphy2@ric.edu](mailto:jmurphy2@ric.edu)

The Henry Barnard School, in conjunction with Rhode Island College, is excited to share our experiences reducing food waste in our community. RIC and Henry Barnard School are focused on minimizing food waste by composting and sending additional waste to Orbit Energy. The campus welcomes schools throughout the state to visit its garden, composting site, and beehive. Schools can contact Jim Murphy about interest in visiting the campus or any other questions. [www.henrybarnardschool.org](http://www.henrybarnardschool.org)

**ICM****Zachary Caron**[zwc0489@gmail.com](mailto:zwc0489@gmail.com)**Johnson & Wales University****Mary Panella**[mary.panella@jwu.edu](mailto:mary.panella@jwu.edu)

Create a life you love with a degree from Johnson & Wales University and find out how you can change the way the world eats. Offering undergraduate degrees in Culinary Arts, Nutrition, Baking and Pastry, and Sustainable Food Systems. We also offer masters and doctoral programs for working adults in Educational Leadership, Teaching and Learning, and Teacher Education for Culinary Arts Education, Business/Secondary Special Education, or Elementary/Elementary Special Education.

**Leukemia & Lymphoma Society****Deborah Watterson**[deborah.watterson@lls.org](mailto:deborah.watterson@lls.org)

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society® (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer. Students Series' Pennies for Patients and Students of the Year are fundraising opportunities for students to participate in a service learning campaign through their school and on their own to help fight cancer while developing skills in leadership, volunteerism and innovation, while helping them develop social & emotional learning skills (SEL).

**Lifespan Community Health Institute****Ana Almeida-DoRosário**[aalmeidadorosario@lifespan.org](mailto:aalmeidadorosario@lifespan.org)

Lifespan's Community Health Institute works to ensure that all people have the opportunities to achieve their optimal state of health through healthy behaviors, healthy relationships and healthy environments. Our exhibit will feature offerings for youth, families and professionals from across the Lifespan system, including Safe Sitter, Tar Wars, Mental Health First Aid, workshops for parents & professionals, child & adolescent health clinics, and more!

**Mental Health Association of RI****Karen Malcolm**[riparity@mhari.org](mailto:riparity@mhari.org)

The Mental Health Association of RI is an affiliate of Mental Health America. This year we are launching the RI Parity Initiative. Our goal is to create awareness and understanding about health insurance parity - that mental health coverage, including for substance use disorder, must be provided at parity, in other words equally, with coverage that is provided for other medical and surgical conditions.

**NE Dairy****Jane Vergnani**[jvergnani@newenglanddairy.com](mailto:jvergnani@newenglanddairy.com)

Fuel Up to Play 60 school wellness resources and tools for K-12 schools to help schools increase their students' access to healthy food choices and opportunities for physical activity before, during and after school

**Neighborhood Health Plan****Ammala Douangsavanh**[ADouangsavanh@nhpri.org](mailto:ADouangsavanh@nhpri.org)

Health insurance information and resources for Rhode Island families and individuals

**Planned Parenthood of Southern NE****Michelle Soto**[Michelle.Soto@ppsne.org](mailto:Michelle.Soto@ppsne.org)

PPSNE is a leading provider of comprehensive sex education and professional development training around issues of sexuality and sexual health. Visit us at our table for fun giveaways, brochures, cards and flyers.

**Providence Community Health Centers****Norma Herrera**[noherrera@providencechc.org](mailto:noherrera@providencechc.org)

Provides an array of health services at 10 sites located throughout Providence, including pediatrics, adult medicine, behavioral health, OB/GYN, asthma/allergy care, chronic disease management, optometry, dental care, health education, and podiatry, as well as assistance with health insurance applications. We welcome patients from any cities of Rhode Island.

**Recess Rocks in RI (Playworks/BCBSRI)****Jill Wessel**[jill.wessel@playworks.org](mailto:jill.wessel@playworks.org)

Get your school involved in Recess Rocks in RI, a no-cost staff training sponsored by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, to reimagine recess, increasing daily physical activity and improving social/emotional learning at your school. Another round coming in early 2020!

**RI Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics****Julia Berman**[president@eatrightri.org](mailto:president@eatrightri.org)

RIAND has information/resources on healthy eating and finding a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) in your area.

**RIAPERD****Cathy Moffitt**[cgmof@hotmail.com](mailto:cgmof@hotmail.com)

The RI Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance provides its members with professional growth and development, networking opportunities with like-minded professionals, leadership development, recognition through awards, grants and scholarships, learning about current trends at the state and national levels, and participation in public advocacy projects.

**RI Certified School Nurse Teachers****Rachel Cruz**[rec194@gmail.com](mailto:rec194@gmail.com)

The Rhode Island Certified School Nurse Teachers Association is a non-profit, specialty nursing organization for school nurses throughout the state. Our mission is to enable students to achieve their optimum level of health and educational success by empowering certified school nurse teachers through professional development, collaboration, advocacy and support.

**RI Department of Education****Steve Carey**[Stephen.Carey@ride.ri.gov](mailto:Stephen.Carey@ride.ri.gov)

RIDE representatives will be available to answer questions and provide information on all of our federally funded child nutrition programs, including the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program, At-Risk Afterschool Program and Summer Food Service Program.

**RI Department of Health****Alaina Phillipi**[alaina.phillipi@health.ri.gov](mailto:alaina.phillipi@health.ri.gov)

RIDOH exhibit table will share a variety of public health resources for the school community including sexual health, YRBS, family planning, health equity institute, immunization, asthma, oral health and more!

**RI Food Policy Council****Nessa Richman**[nessa@rifoodcouncil.org](mailto:nessa@rifoodcouncil.org)

The Rhode Island Food Policy Council promotes an equitable, accessible, sustainable food system in our state. We believe that farm-to-school activities enrich the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and early care and education settings. We are excited to work with RIHSC to increase farm-to-school activities in Rhode Island!

**RI Natural Awakenings****Maureen Cary**[MCary@RINaturalAwakenings.com](mailto:MCary@RINaturalAwakenings.com)

Rhode Island's #1 healthy living magazine, Natural Awakenings, will be featuring recent issues, along with select articles from the past.

**RI PBS Education Services****Jon Rubin**[education@ripbs.org](mailto:education@ripbs.org)

The Education Services Department of Rhode Island PBS provides content and services to support teaching and learning for educators, students, parents and learners of all ages in our community. Resources are distributed free-of-charge and leverage high-quality public media content adapted for instructional use, supported by outreach efforts and in-person trainings.

**RI Resource Recovery Corporation****Egidia Vergano**[evergano@rirrc.org](mailto:evergano@rirrc.org)

Resource Recovery operates the state's Materials Recycling Facility, Leaf and Yard Compost, Eco-Depot, and Central Landfill, and provides free programs and services to help the RI community manage materials more sustainably. Visit our table to receive information on recycling and composting, and to see examples of some classroom activities that can be done before, after, or as a supplement to formal school programs offered by Resource Recovery education staff.

**RI School Counselors Association****Lisa Tenreiro**[tenreirol@mtstcharles.org](mailto:tenreirol@mtstcharles.org)

RISCA promotes excellence in professional school counseling by advocating for the role and programs of school counselors and by demonstrating leadership in developing new and supportive services and programs for its members. The role of the professional school counselor is to foster student growth in academic, personal/social and career development so they achieve successes in school and are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society.

**RI School Superintendents' Association****Tom DiPaola**[tdipaolarissa@gmail.com](mailto:tdipaolarissa@gmail.com)

Our mission is to take action through **leadership, support, and advocacy** to ensure the highest quality education for all children. RISSA, an organization of educational leaders committed to providing students with the finest education possible, pledges to be a champion for the children and youth of RI.

**RI Student Assistance Services****Sarah Dinklage**[sdinklage@risas.org](mailto:sdinklage@risas.org)

Statewide school-based alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention/early intervention program, showcasing the role of Student Assistance Counselors in the Schools (Project Success), our Suicide Prevention program, and the work of Regional Prevention Coalitions. RISAS implements programs designed to promote social emotional learning and behavioral health. Student Assistance Counselors provide students with tools, information and support to make positive decisions.

**Tobacco Control Program (RI Dept of Health) Info Line**[401-222-5360](tel:401-222-5360)

The RI Department of Health Tobacco Control Program offers free age-appropriate tobacco use prevention and cessation resources to assist health educators and school officials in addressing epidemic e-cigarette use and nicotine addiction among youth and promoting free evidence-based tobacco cessation resources for teens, parents, and staff. Giveaways include free school-based enforcement signs, health education posters, flyers, lesson plans, ordering instructions, and more.

**United Healthcare Community Plan****Yolanda Enos**[yenos@uhc.com](mailto:yenos@uhc.com)

United Healthcare offers Medicaid healthcare information for eligible Rhode Island families and information on Rite Smiles, dental care for eligible children through the State of Rhode Island.

**United Way of Rhode Island****Larry Warner**[larry.warner@uwri.org](mailto:larry.warner@uwri.org)

United Way provides direct service to the community through its 2-1-1 call center, helping Rhode Islanders connect to essential human services. 2-1-1 is a free and confidential service that is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In a typical year, 2-1-1 handles nearly 200,000 calls from Rhode Islanders looking for help with food, housing, healthcare, childcare, and services for seniors and adults with disabilities.

**URI Community Nutrition Education****Kate Balestracci**[katebr@uri.edu](mailto:katebr@uri.edu)

University of Rhode Island Community Nutrition Education Programs (SNAP-Ed and EFNEP) are funded by the USDA to provide nutrition education in RI to low-income families and schools where at least 50% of the students qualify for free breakfast and lunch. SNAP-Ed downloadable materials are available to all schools at [web.uri.edu/snaped](http://web.uri.edu/snaped).

**URI School Garden Initiative**[web.uri.edu/coopext](http://web.uri.edu/coopext)[coopext@uri.edu](mailto:coopext@uri.edu)

URI Cooperative Extension School Garden Mentors offer resources for school garden creation, management, and curriculum integration, as well as registration information about the upcoming URI School Garden Conference on October 26, 2019 (<https://web.uri.edu/sgi/conference/>).

**YMCA Alliance of RI****Jeanine Achin**[jachin@ymcapawt.org](mailto:jachin@ymcapawt.org)

Statewide programs and services including childcare, before and after school enrichment, camps, sports and play opportunities for youth which emphasize a holistic approach to health and social development.