

# Exhibitor Guide



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## **American Heart Association**

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The American Heart Association is committed to being a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives for children. Learn more about the 2021-2022 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.

## **Chartwells (VIRTUAL ONLY)**

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Chartwells is proud to serve as the statewide food service provider for Rhode Island through RIDE. Our dedicated team is committed to our mission of serving up happy and healthy every day. We use a vast array of resources to bring your vision and mission to life every day in every Rhode Island district we serve.

## **Farm Fresh Rhode Island**

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FFRI's Farm to School and Community Education programs enrich the connection people of all ages have to local food, agriculture, nutrition, and the environment through hands-on education. We provide information, assistance, and skills needed to make healthful choices about food that reflect peoples' values, health, and culture.

## **Find Your Bold**

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Find Your Bold is a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in 2015. Our mission is to help people increase self esteem through physical activity in a supportive environment. Find Your Bold is creating innovative programming designed to help children learn to turn obstacles into opportunities for growth.

## **F.I.T. Club (VIRTUAL ONLY)**

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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 (VIRTUAL ONLY)**

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Girls on the Run inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using fun, experience-based curricula that creatively integrates running. Our physical activity-based positive youth development (PYD) program is designed to enhance 3rd-8th girls' social, emotional, and physical skills to successfully navigate life experiences. Trained, caring, and qualified coaches deliver the life skills curriculum through lessons that promote social-emotional learning concurrently with physical activity.

**Gotham Greens****Kristina McDonald**[kristina@gothamgreens.com](mailto:kristina@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 has greenhouses in New York City, Chicago, Providence, Baltimore, Denver and will be expanding further West later this year. [www.gothamgreens.com](http://www.gothamgreens.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.

**Lifespan Community Health Institute****Jeanette Nessett**[jnessett@lifespan.org](mailto:jnessett@lifespan.org)**Marly Holloway**[mtorres5@lifespan.org](mailto:mtorres5@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 features offerings for youth, families and professionals from across the Lifespan system, including Safe Sitter, Tar Wars, workshops for parents & professionals, child & adolescent health clinics, and more!

**My Life My Quit (RIDOH Tobacco Control Pgm) Julia Doherty**[julia.doherty@health.ri.gov](mailto:julia.doherty@health.ri.gov)

My Life My Quit is a free, evidence-based, and confidential youth-focused tobacco cessation program accessed by text, phone, or online chat day or night, 365 days a year. Quit coaches are specially trained to work with teens who use any tobacco products, including vaping devices or e-cigarettes with nicotine. Referring teens is fast and easy. Meet with us today to get free resources for teens, parents, health educators, coaches, and others!

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

New England Dairy is a non-profit education organization that is staffed by registered dietitians and other professionals that serve as the voice of our local dairy farmers. For 100 years, we've worked in New England to celebrate all things dairy-farming, food, nutrition and wellness. Our vision is to be a catalyst for a vibrant New England dairy community. Our mission is to champion New England dairy farm families and the nutritious foods they produce.

**Neighborhood Health Plan of RI****Rita Towers**[rtowers@nhpri.org](mailto:rtowers@nhpri.org)

Health insurance information and resources for Rhode Island families and individuals

**No Kid Hungry/Share Our Strength****Margaret Read**[mread@strength.org](mailto:mread@strength.org)

Share Our Strength's mission is to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and abroad. How do we do that? Through our campaigns, like No Kid Hungry, which will end childhood hunger in the United States, and Cooking Matters, which helps low-income families learn to shop and cook healthier. It's a big job, but we're not alone. We believe that everyone has a strength to share to help ensure every individual can live a healthy and productive life.

**Parent Support Network of RI****Veronica Bourget**[v.bourget@psnri.org](mailto:v.bourget@psnri.org)

Parent Support Network of RI is a group of parents, family members, transition age youth, and adults with behavioral health lived experience who are committed to supporting and assisting peers to prevent abuse and neglect, reduce disparities, and progress towards universal health, wellness and recovery.

**Planned Parenthood of Southern NE****Brittany Huffman**[brittany.huffman@ppsne.org](mailto:brittany.huffman@ppsne.org)

PPSNE is a leading provider of comprehensive and inclusive sex education, community training, and professional development training around issues of sexuality and sexual health. Visit our table for information, resources, and Planned Parenthood swag.

**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)****Jessi Jasper**[jessi.jasper@playworks.org](mailto:jessi.jasper@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 to help students feel safe within their school community and have positive outlets for physical activity and social-emotional development. Leverage our evidence-based practices to reduce disciplinary issues and get kids back in the classroom faster and ready to learn.

**RI Association of School Principals****Robert Littlefield**[rlittlefield@riasp.org](mailto:rlittlefield@riasp.org)

With over 500 members from private and public schools whose students range from kindergarten through high school, RIASP is the most recognized, influential, and respected organization for school building leaders in Rhode Island. Through collaboration, advocacy, and professional growth opportunities, RIASP serves its members and the educational community by supporting, developing, and recognizing exceptional leadership.

**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 development and 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 Assoc. (VIRTUAL ONLY)****Deborah Svitil**[ricsnta.nursingnetwork.com](http://ricsnta.nursingnetwork.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****Jessica Patroliia**[Jessica.Patroliia@ride.ri.gov](mailto:Jessica.Patroliia@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****RIDOH InfoLine (401-222-5960)** [health.ri.gov/contact](http://health.ri.gov/contact)

Visit with us today to access a variety of public health resources for schools and the community pertaining to COVID-19, adolescent health, violence and injury prevention, sexual health, oral health, substance use and addiction, the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBS), health equity, immunization, behavioral health/mental health, and more!

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

The RI Farm to School Network engages partners across RI to develop, expand, and strengthen local purchasing, education, and gardening initiatives to benefit children and youth throughout the state. These initiatives connect local agriculture to healthy eating habits, which improve public health and the local economy, support local farmers and food producers, and build community relationships.

**RI Food Policy Council (VIRTUAL ONLY)****Allison Montagnon**[allison@rifoodcouncil.org](mailto:allison@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 Parent Information Network****Mark Gray**[mgray@ripin.org](mailto:mgray@ripin.org)

RIPIN helps Rhode Islanders of all ages and abilities access and navigate health care and special education systems using a Peer Support model. More than three-fourths of RIPIN staff are caregivers to loved ones with special needs. RIPIN combines this lived experience with high quality training and professional development to build a team of Peer Professionals that help thousands of Rhode Islanders every year.

**Rhode Island 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 Regional Coalitions****Heidi Driscoll**  
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The Rhode Island Regional Coalitions are made up of dedicated members and partners working together to provide substance use prevention strategies, mental health resources, and advocate for policies that support healthy and safe communities.

**RI Resource Recovery Corporation****Jennifer Burns**[jburns@rirrc.org](mailto:jburns@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 Schools Recycling Club****Jim Corwin**[jamesacorwin@gmail.com](mailto:jamesacorwin@gmail.com)

Through a Healthy Communities Grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency, we have a two-year initiative to select schools to take the "Get Food Smart, RI" challenge and implement their own programs for reducing, recovering and recycling food waste. We'll help them assemble "green teams" and provide coaching and training. Our goal is to divert more than 20 tons of wasted food from the Central Landfill, donate 2 tons of perfectly good food to hungry kids and families, and inspire the next generation of environmental leaders.

**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.

**SafeBAE****Shael Norris**[shael@safebae.org](mailto:shael@safebae.org)

SafeBAE (Safe BEFORE ANYONE ELSE) is a RI-based, survivor-founded, student-led national organization whose mission is to end sexual assault among middle and high school students. As the only national peer-to-peer organization of our kind, we help promote culture change by giving teens free tools to become certified peer educators, start school clubs, and shift school culture through raising awareness about dating violence, sexual harassment and assault, affirmative consent, safe bystander intervention, survivor care, and their rights under Title IX.

**SHRI Service Corps  
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SHRI serves locally baked, nutritious, nut-free food items in statewide breakfast programs, meeting both USDA and state guidelines for healthy eating; serves students and teachers in schools with yoga outreach programs before, during and after the school day; and provides free, weekly classes for teachers and administrators in studios throughout the state.

**UnitedHealthcare****Marie Jones-Bridges**[marie\\_jones-bridges@uhc.com](mailto:marie_jones-bridges@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.

**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).

**Yale Center for  
Emotional Intelligence (VIRTUAL ONLY)****Erin Brough**[erin.brough@yale.edu](mailto:erin.brough@yale.edu)

The Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence designs effective approaches for supporting school communities in understanding the value of emotions, teaching the skills of emotional intelligence, and building and sustaining positive emotional climates in homes, schools, and workplaces. We provide training to educational leaders, teachers, and school staff to support the systemic implementation of SEL (social and emotional learning) and foster those skills in all stakeholders in these communities.

**YMCA Alliance of RI (VIRTUAL ONLY)****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.