

Counseling & Social Services

Potential Career Paths (Many require a Master's Degree)

Job Title	Employers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Counselor ● Parent Educator ● Youth Development Worker ● Crisis/Hotline Worker ● Psychotherapist (individuals, families, groups, couples) ● Clinical Case Manager ● Clinic Manager ● Program Developer ● Researcher ● Program Evaluator ● Mediator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social Service Agencies ● Mental Health Centers ● Schools ● Hospitals, Clinics, Hospice ● Child Welfare Agencies ● Adoption Agencies ● Policy and Advocacy Organizations ● Employee Assistance Programs ● Private Practice ● Lawyers' Office

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Chariho High School, Wood River Junction RI, 401-364-7778, <https://chs.chariho.k12.ri.us/>

The Chariho Regional High School community believes that the mission of the school is to ensure that students are responsible problem-solvers and innovators who demonstrate respect for themselves and others in an increasingly diverse, global society.

Westerly High School, Westerly RI, 401-596-2109,
<https://www.westerly.k12.ri.us/Domain/1347>

Westerly High School is a community of learners who are committed to a positive school culture that honors academic achievement, mutual respect and personal accountability. We believe that innovation, technology, and having a global perspective will advance our learning, and we reject the structures that have traditionally served as limitations to progress.

Providence High School, Providence RI, 401-456-9100, questions@ppsd.org

The Providence Public School District will prepare all students to succeed in the nation's colleges and universities, and in their chosen profession.

Ocean Tides School, Narragansett RI, 401-789-1016, <https://www.oceantides.org/>

As a RIDE licensed and NEASC accredited regular and special education high school, the Ocean Tides Narragansett School reviews the academic standing of each young man and his school records and designs an academic program that will allow him to make the greatest and fastest progress toward earning his high school credentials. Programs and Activities area offers group learning sessions for all students that include general life skills, decision making, drug education, meditations/mindfulness, stress management, self-esteem insight and support, mental health education, group communication and problem-solving skills, trust building and use of low ropes/challenge course, sexuality education and financial literacy.

The Goddard School, South Kingstown RI, 401-789-0300, <https://www.goddardschool.com>

The Goddard School has used the most current, academically endorsed methods to ensure that children from six weeks to six years old have fun while learning the skills they need for long-term success in school and in life. Its comprehensive play-based curriculum, developed with early childhood education experts, provides the best childhood preparation for social and academic success.

Compass Charter School, Kingston RI, 401-788-8322, <http://compassschool.org/>

Fosters a passion for learning in all students so they can reach their full potential. The school utilizes a project-based curriculum integrating academic disciplines, emphasizing social responsibility and environmental sustainability, in small classroom settings to prepare each graduate to be a responsible citizen in the global community.

Richmond Elementary School, Richmond RI, 401-539-2441, <https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/>

Richmond Elementary School is a school that C.A.R.E.S. Students in Richmond Elementary School are expected to follow the C.A.R.E.S (Cooperation, Addertion, Responsibility, Empathy) expectations every day. This will help our students have success in their academics and relationships with peers and adults.

Hope Valley Elementary School, HopeValley RI, 401-539-2321,
<https://hopevalley.chariho.k12.ri.us/>

The mission of the Hope Valley Elementary School is to work in partnership with our colleagues, students, and families. We are committed to creating a learning environment where children are expected to achieve to their full potential.

URI UCASS, Kingston RI, 401-874-5611, <https://web.uri.edu/ucas/>

At University College for Academic Success (UCAS), our goal is to help you have the most successful undergraduate experience possible. Here you'll find the information and services you need to transition into college life, understand all of your degree options, make choices that are right for you, find academic support, and connect your major with career and life goals.

Quidnessett Elementary School, North Kingstown RI, 401-541-6370, <http://qe.nksd.net/>

The faculty and staff of Quidnessett Elementary School are committed to providing a respectful and engaging learning environment where all students are expected to achieve their maximum potential and become lifelong learners.

Child & Family Development

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Federal Hill House Association, Providence RI, (401) 421-4722

Federal Hill House is a multipurpose social service agency that has been serving the residents of Providence for over 100 years. Current programming includes senior meal site, emergency food, childcare for children 18 months to 14 years old, victims of crime assistance, youth leadership group, Bundles of joy family resource center (a family support program providing instrumental and emotional support, child development information, socialization opportunities and referrals to families who are prenatal or parenting a child aged 0-5), and a fathers program designed to meet the needs of men.

Governor's Commission on Disabilities, Cranston RI, 02920, (401) 462-0104, www.gcd.ri.gov.

Our agency promotes public policy, which leads to independence, productivity, and inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society. We do: advocacy, legislation, ADA compliance, technical assistance, physical accessibility, referral services and medication services.

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South Providence Neighborhood Matters (SPNM), Providence RI, (401) 461-7509
www.spnm.org

SPNM is a multicultural agency with programs in three areas: health promotion and disease prevention, childcare and youth development, and basic human needs (food, shelter, and medical care).

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Pathways Strategic Teaching Center, Coventry RI, 401-615-2775,
<https://trudeaucenter.org/pathways-strategic-teaching-center/>

A comprehensive education and treatment program servicing children with autism and related disorders. Pathways is committed to utilizing scientifically validated teaching strategies to improve the lives of children with autism and their families.

Children's Friends and Services, Providence RI, 401-276-4300, <https://www.cfsri.org/>

Children's Friend serves Rhode Island's most vulnerable children and families. Services include Early Head Start, Head Start, WIC, adoption, foster care, help for families with substance abuse, counseling, assistance for children with developmental delays, and other child welfare and early childhood services.

Hidden Hills Child Care Center, Exeter RI, 401-667-0788, <http://www.hiddenhillselc.com/>

Hidden Hills Early Learning Center is a preschool/daycare facility dedicated to the philosophy that every child is unique and special. Our experienced, professional teachers recognize and respond to the emotional, social, cognitive and physical needs of the child in our care.

Dr. Lea Lockwood, South Kingstown RI, 401-556-9399,
<https://www.drlealockwood.com/about>

Dr. Lea Lockwood is available to consult on planning for special education services, accommodations, or response to intervention strategies. She can also provide counseling for individuals, families, and parenting. She is an experienced Rhode Island based psychologist who specializes in testing and therapy for children, teens and adults.

The Groden Center, Coventry RI, 401-615-2600, <https://grodennetwork.org/>

We provide supportive and safe environments for our students to learn functional skill development, communication, emotional and social development, physical and recreational skills, domestic responsibilities, community awareness, adaptive living and vocational skills.

DCYF, Providence RI, 401-528-3500, <http://www.dcyf.ri.gov/>

The mission of the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) is to partner with families and communities to raise safe and healthy children and youth in a caring environment. We are responsible for supporting children and their families involved in child protection, behavioral health, and juvenile justice. Keeping children and youth safe and healthy at home, at school and in the community, requires a family-focused and community inclusive approach.

Healthy Families of America, Providence RI, 401-533-9100,
<https://www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org/>

Healthy Families America is a national evidence-based maternal and child home visiting program that provides free, voluntary, confidential services. The program pairs expectant mothers or families with newborns (younger than two weeks old) with a Family Support Worker, who provides home visiting services to the family and their child until the child's fourth birthday.

Kaleidoscope Family Solutions, North Scituate RI, 401-300-4352,
<https://www.kfamilysolutions.org/>

KFS has focused on in-home and in-community services that promote the healthy development of children, adults and families through one-on-one behavioral, educational, and daily-living support.

Trudeau Center, Warwick RI, 401-739-2700, <https://trudeaucenter.org/>

Trudeau has served as the area's leading provider of services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are one of the few human service organizations that serve individuals at all stages of life.

Autism Project, Johnston RI, 401-785-2666, <https://theautismproject.org/>

The Autism Project is a unique collaboration of parents, professionals and community members who provide quality support, training, and programming that is accessible to all for children and adults with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, their families and those who work with them.

Perspectives, North Kingstown RI, 401-294-3990,
<https://www.perspectivescorporation.com/index.asp>

A human service agency providing support to children and adults with disabilities.

Health & Aging Services

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Adult Day Center of Westerly, Westerly RI, (401) 596-1336, <https://pace-ri.org/>

PACE is a provider of healthcare and insurance for adults 55 and older with complex medical conditions who want to live at home. Their employees are elder care experts who specialize in aging in place, and keeping participants out of nursing homes for 4 years on average.

HopeHealth Hospice Care, Providence RI, <https://www.hopehealthco.org/>

URI Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, URI, www.uri.edu/olli

Cornerstone Adult Services/Memory Care Center, Warwick RI,
www.stelizabethcommunity.org

South Kingstown Senior Center, Wakefield RI,
www.southkingstownri.com/230/Senior-Services

Community center serving older adults with a wide variety of activity, health, nutrition, and educational programs.

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Residential site with independent and assisted living options for older adults; work with activities programs for residents.

The Arc of Blackstone Valley Missions, Pawtucket RI, 401-727-0150,
<https://www.bvcriarc.org/>

We are committed to providing person centered supportive services to individuals with a wide variety of abilities, interests, physical and health needs as they explore opportunities, develop independence and achieve valued inclusive community roles. Each individual works with a team to develop and implement an individualized plan that assists in achieving their goals.

Fogarty Center, Barrington RI, 401-245-7900, askfogarty@fogartycenter.org.

The Fogarty Center's Adult services include twenty-four hour community based living, supervised apartments, vocational and day supports, shared living arrangements, and self-directed supports. The Fogarty Center's Children's services include Home Based Therapeutic Services (HBTS), Personal Assistance Support Services (PASS) and Respite.

Thundermist Health Center, Wakefield RI, 401- 767-4100,
<https://www.thundermisthealth.org/default.aspx>

To improve the health of our patients and communities by delivering exceptional health care, removing barriers to that care, and advancing healthy lifestyles.

Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center, Warwick RI, 401-738-9700, info@ebccenter.org

Our mission is to end the perpetration and societal tolerance of interpersonal violence, including all forms of domestic and sexual abuse, and until that is achieved, to provide comprehensive services to victims and education in the community. The EBC center provides an immediate, temporary safe shelter and support services for women and children in crisis due to domestic violence.