

## Rhode Island

When a family or individual is faced with a progressive condition such as DM1 or DM2 they are often presented with additional financial expenses as well as loss of a steady income. This section attempts to gather financial resources that are available on a state level for persons living in the United States. By no means is this section complete; we invite you to share with us any resources you've identified.

This is an on-going project. We will add more resources as we gather them; please send us resources you know of that are not currently listed.

Please be advised that each organization has its own eligibility and application requirements. None of these organizations are affiliated with the Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation. We hope you will share your experiences with us – let us know if you are successful in finding a good resource to help your family.

## Caregivers

ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center: The mission of the ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center is to assist and promote the development of quality respite and crisis care programs in the United States; to help families locate respite and crisis care services in their communities; and to serve as a strong voice for respite in all forums. <https://archrespite.org/>

Temporary Caregiver Insurance: TCI provides eligible claimants up to 4 weeks of caregiver benefits to care for a seriously ill child, spouse, domestic partner, parent, parent-in-law or grandparent, or to bond with a newborn child, new adopted child or new foster-care child. <https://dlt.ri.gov/tdi/>

Powerful Tools for Caregivers: A free class facilitated by two certified peer leaders in group sessions of 2 1/2 hours per week for six weeks. <https://health.ri.gov/find/services/detail.php?id=49>

Rhode Island Guide for Caregivers: Find the information and support you need. [http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Consumer/CaregiverGuide\\_July2017.pdf](http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Consumer/CaregiverGuide_July2017.pdf)

## Employment

EmployRI: Find who is hiring in your community.

<https://www.employri.org/vosnet/Default.aspx?enc=vLa15KtdCzQQMP6jrcRdlQ==>

Supported Employment: The ORS Supported Employment Services are designed to assist individuals with the most significant disabilities to find and keep a job in an integrated real work setting, and to earn at least the prevailing minimum wage.

<http://www.ors.ri.gov/SE.html>

Train-to-Hire Training Programs: SkillsRI partners with State government agencies, Institutions of Higher Education, and Rhode Island-based organizations to recruit for a myriad of train-to-hire programs that are designed to introduce new skills or build upon existing skill-sets of eligible Rhode Islanders in a specific trade or field of study.

<https://skillsforri.com/training-programs-in-rhode-island-train-to-hire>

## Financial Resources

General Public Assistance: The General Public Assistance (GPA) Program provides time-limited cash assistance to adults 18 to 64 years of age who have very limited income and resources, and an illness or medical condition that keeps them from working.

<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/Programs/GPAProgramInformation.php>

RI Works: The RIW program encourages adult family members to work by offering benefits and support services; cash assistance is provided on a temporary basis to needy families that meet certain guidelines.

<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/Programs/RIWorksProgramInformation.php>

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families: TANF's program assists needy families so that children can be cared for in their own homes.

[https://www.tanf.us/rhode\\_island.html](https://www.tanf.us/rhode_island.html)

## Food/Nutrition

Child and Adult Care Program: CACFP is designed to provide nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults attending qualifying day care (non-residential) facilities.

<https://www.ride.ri.gov/cnp/NutritionPrograms/ChildandAdultCareFoodProgram.aspx>

National School Lunch Program: In Rhode Island, the National School Lunch Program provides nutritious, low-cost or free lunches to over 72,000 children daily.

<https://www.ride.ri.gov/cnp/NutritionPrograms/NationalSchoolLunchProgram.aspx>

School Breakfast Program: In Rhode Island, the School Breakfast Program provides balanced, low-cost or free breakfasts to an average of about 29,000 children daily.

<https://www.ride.ri.gov/CNP/NutritionPrograms/SchoolBreakfastProgram.aspx>

Summer Food Service Program: The Summer Food Service Program funds primarily lunches and breakfasts and, in some cases, suppers or snacks for children in needy areas when school is not in session during the summer.

<https://www.ride.ri.gov/cnp/NutritionPrograms/SummerFoodServiceProgram.aspx>

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: SNAP provides low-income individuals and families with resources to purchase food.

<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/Programs/SNAPProgram.php>

## Housing

Home Safe Program: The Home Safe is a Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation initiative designed to provide temporary financial assistance to eligible Rhode Island residents for short-term emergency housing needs.

[https://www.rihousing.com/wp-content/uploads/HomeSafe-Program-Guidelines\\_jm-3-23-20.pdf](https://www.rihousing.com/wp-content/uploads/HomeSafe-Program-Guidelines_jm-3-23-20.pdf)

Housing Help Center: HelpCenter is dedicated to providing support and education to help more Rhode Islanders protect themselves from losing their homes and make safe, informed decisions for their futures.

<https://www.rihousing.com/homeowner-assistance/>

Intensive Housing Stabilization Program: The Intensive Housing Stabilization Program (IHSP) helps individuals and families living on the street, in shelter, or about to enter shelter to stabilize their housing situation and obtain permanent housing.

<http://ohcd.ri.gov/homelessness/ihsp.php>

## Living with a Disability/Elderly

Adult Day Services: Adult Day Services offer care and companionship during daytime hours. Services include meals, recreational activities, personal care and help with medications. For more information, contact: (401) 462-4444

Developmental Disabilities Services: The Division of Developmental Disabilities funds a statewide network of community services and supports for Rhode Islanders living with developmental disabilities. These services are available through community provider agencies. Individuals and families may also receive self-directed services.

<https://bhddh.ri.gov/developmentaldisabilities/index.php>

Enhanced Assisted Living Program: The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Enhanced Assisted Living Program is a state and federal program for adults over age 65 and adults with disabilities that provides financial assistance for services provided in an Assisted Living Facility.

<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/Programs/SSIEnhancedAssistedLivingProgramHowtoApply.php>

PACE: The Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly is a program that enables elders to remain in their own communities for as long as possible. PACE contracts with specific doctors, home health, and other agencies to provide your care.

<https://pace-ri.org/>

Rite at Home: Rite at Home is a Shared Living program for adults who cannot live alone and require a considerable amount of help with activities of daily living (ADLs).

<https://www.caregiverhomes.com/for-professionals/home-care/care-for-elders/states/rhode-island>

Sherlock Plan: Sherlock program provides Medicaid coverage, including home and community-based services, to people age 18 or older, with a disability determination, who are also actively employed.

[http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Sherlock%20Plan%20Info%20for%20Web%20FINAL%20\(3\).pdf](http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Sherlock%20Plan%20Info%20for%20Web%20FINAL%20(3).pdf)

## Medical/Health-Related

Children's Health Insurance Program: Rhode Island CHIP Medicaid is federally and state funded program that provides low-cost health coverage to children in families that earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid, yet cannot afford to buy private health insurance. <http://www.chipmedicaid.net/chip-medicaid-rhode-island/>

Medicaid: Medicaid is a program that offers free or low-cost health coverage for people with limited income and resources.  
<https://healthsourceri.com/medicaid/#:~:text=This%20single%20application%20will%20let,%2D855%2D840%2D4774.>

Rite Care: Rite Care is Rhode Island's Medicaid managed care program for families with children, pregnant women, and children under age 19.  
<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Consumer/FamilieswithChildren/RiteCare.aspx>

Women, Infants, and Children Services: WIC benefits provide you and your child with one-on-one nutrition counseling, referrals with services you may need, and a food prescription to meet your needs, and your child's specific needs.  
<https://health.ri.gov/find/services/detail.php?id=44>

## Additional Resources

COVID-19 Healthcare and Support Services:  
<https://health.ri.gov/covid/healthandsupport/index.php>

Home Energy Assistance Program: LEAP helps keep individuals and families warm in the cold weather months through initiatives that assist families with energy costs.  
<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/Programs/HEAPEligApply.php>

Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Care Centers in Rhode Island:  
<https://www.mda.org/care/care-center-list?province=RI>

Weatherization Assistance Program: The Weatherization Assistance Program helps income-eligible households reduce heating bills by providing whole house energy efficiency services to households.  
<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/Programs/WAPProgramInfo.php>