



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
**Public Forums to Identify the Concerns of
People with Disabilities and their Families**

During the week of the 24th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (signed on July 26th), the Governor's Commission on Disabilities and over 20 other state and non-profit agencies conduct a weeklong series of open forums to hear the concerns of people with disabilities and their families.

The forums are open for anyone to come in and speak; representatives of the sponsoring agencies will be there to listen. State policy makers and planners want to hear your concerns about current services, unmet needs, and suggestions for improving services and expanding opportunities.

Monday, July 21, 2014, 1 – 3 PM

Zambarano Unit, Eleanor Slater Hospital

2090 Wallum Lake Rd, Pascoag

Hosted by Alliance for Better Long Term Care / RI Long Term Care Ombudsman

Monday, July 21, 2014, 4 – 6 PM

Woonsocket Harris Public Library, 303 Clinton St, Woonsocket

Hosted by Seven Hills Rhode Island

Tuesday, July 22nd, 2014, 2 – 4 PM

Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick

Hosted by the Ocean State Center for Independent Living

Wednesday July 23rd, 2014, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Middletown Public Library, 700 West Main Rd, Middletown

Hosted by Opportunities Unlimited

Thursday, July 24th, 2014, from 4 – 6 PM

Rogers Free Library, 525 Hope St, Bristol

Co-hosted by RI Statewide Independent Living Council and National Federation of the Blind of RI

Thursday, July 24th, 2014, from 4 – 6 PM

Charlestown Chambers, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown

Co-hosted by Perspectives Corporation and National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Friday, July 25th, 2014, from 1:30 – 3:30 PM

South Providence Library, 441 Prairie Avenue, Providence

Hosted by RI Department of Health

Remarks can be made in person during the forums, faxed to 462-0106, e-mailed to GCD.Disabilities@gcd.ri.gov, or mailed by August 8th to Governor's Commission on Disabilities, John O' Pastore Center - 41 Cherry Dale Court, Cranston, RI 02920. CART Recorders (real-time captioning) and assistive listening devices will be at all sites, courtesy of the Office of Rehabilitation Services / Assistive Technology Access Partnership. The RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will provide sign language interpreters for each forum.

To request information or accommodation, please call 462-0100 or 462-0101(tty) in advance; arrangements will be provided at no cost. Requests for language interpreting should be made to 462-2130 at least 3 business days in advance.

When making the ADA reservation with RIde to get to and from the public forum, tell the RIde reservationist (1-800-479-6902) that this trip is for the Governor's Commission's Public Forums in order to guarantee your return trip, after normal RIde hours of operation. ADA fare is still applicable.

When attending the forum, please use unscented personal care products. Mild fragrances can constitute a toxic exposure for a person with an environmental illness.

Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor

The Public Forums' additional sponsors are: In-Sight; Living in Fulfilling Environments, Inc.