

**Tri-Town Community Action Agency  
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<b>Agency Program</b>	<b>Description and Eligibility</b>	<b>Availability</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Adult Education, Employment &amp; Training Program</b>	Include academic assessments; GED Prep; ESL, Adult Basic Education, group sessions; tutoring; home-based studies; computer assisted learning, post secondary educate assistance, work readiness skills training, and employment placement assistance. 16 to 24 year old RI residents who do not have a HS Diploma or GED	Open	Jamie Sisto 519-1929
<b>All Stars</b>	Substance abuse and juvenile delinquency prevention program. This is an outcomes based, model program which is scientifically based to produce successful outcomes in preventing negative behaviors in teens. At-risk adolescents between the ages of 11 and 16 years old, and their families. Referred through Juvenile Hearing Board, School Departments and through Self-Referral.	Open	Patricia Sweet 519-1903
<b>Anger Management Groups</b>	12-week clinical treatment program that helps teens find better ways of coping with their anger. Group will run from 3-4 p.m. in Johnston. The group is open to teen males and females. A pre-group screening is required. Fees ay apply.	Open	Patricia Sweet 519-1903
<b>Appliance Management Program</b>	Energy conservation audits to identify heat loss from appliances, light bulbs, water heaters, waterbeds, refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers and dryers, air conditioners, portable space heaters ovens and ranges and lights Free refrigerators may be awarded to participants in greatest need. Low income residents of Johnston, North providence, Smithfield, Burrillville, North Smithfield and Gloucester	Open	William Morrisette 519-1916
<b>Article 23 Youth Diversion Program</b>	Provides comprehensive assessments parent education, and case management services for families with children between the ages of 10-17 to address issues, which are affecting the youth and family's emotional, physical, psychological and social well-being. Referrals are accepted from Family Court, Juvenile Hearing Boards, Police Depts., DCYF, schools, and through self-referral for wayward, disobedient, and/or truant youth from North Providence, Johnston, Smithfield, North Smithfield, Burrillville, Gloucester, North Smithfield, Scituate and Foster	Open	Patricia Sweet 519-1903
<b>Basic and Early Head Start</b>	Early childhood education, social services, special needs services, child mental health , health and safety, nutrition and assessment, literacy skills training, parent involvement, parent education, family development, and transition coordination. Pregnant women, infants, toddlers, and children between the ages of 3-5, and their families living in Johnston, N. Providence, Smithfield, N. Smithfield, Burrillville, Gloucester, Scituate, and Foster	Open	Rhonda Farrell 519-1926 Recruitment 519-1927



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<b>Basic Human Needs</b>	Emergency funds to help pay for basic human needs including, heat, electric, health care, prescriptions, etc., when no other financial resources exist. Low income residents of Johnston, North Providence, Smithfield, Burrillville, North Smithfield and Glocester	Open	Stephanie DiTusa 519-1917
<b>Behavioral Health Care</b> (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment and Counseling)	Substance Abuse Outpatient Counseling and Treatment, Mental Health Counseling and Treatment Program, Functional Family Therapy; Tobacco Treatment and Counseling (including Nicotine Replacement Therapy). Referrals are accepted on a statewide basis but priority is given to Johnston, North Providence, Smithfield, North Smithfield, Burrillville, and Glocester residents. All third party insurance including NHPRI and Rite Care accepted. Self-Pay and Sliding Scale Fee is available to all patients. No one is denied	Open	Intake, Screening, and Assessment 519-1940
<b>Breastfeeding Peer Counseling</b>	Provides information about methods of infant feeding. The ultimate goal is to provide the education and support necessary to increase both the rates and duration of the nursing experience. All WIC eligible clients with pre-weaned children	Open	Elaine Desisto 519-1908
<b>Certified Diabetes Outpatient Education (CDOE)</b>	Diabetes Education Program provided in 6 week sessions to patients with diabetes and their caregivers/ significant other. Facilitated by a CDOE Certified Registered Nurse, Dietician, and Pharmacist. Tri-Town is a CDOE Certified site, by the RI Department of Health. Statewide program for individuals diagnosed with diabetes	Open	Linnea Turgeon 519-1990
<b>Commodities Distribution (Food Bank)</b>	Monthly distribution of canned goods, pasta, grain, juice, peanut butter, rice and flour and other foodstuffs as contributed through the State of Rhode Island and as purchased through the Rhode Island Food Bank. Low income residents of Johnston, North providence, Smithfield, Burrillville, North Smithfield and Glocester	Open	Bill Morrisette 519-1916
<b>Community Health Center</b>	A Community Based Health Center (CHC) providing a full range of primary and preventive healthcare services, including family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, ob/gyn, laboratory services. Main location in Johnston. No eligibility requirements. Referrals accepted on a statewide basis. All third party insurance accepted. Sliding scale fee available.	Open	519-1940



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<b>Earned Income Tax Credit</b>	Provides free tax preparation assistance and free electronic filing of State and Federal returns. Low income residents of Johnston, North Providence, Smithfield, Burrillville, North Smithfield and Glocester. Other Towns accepted if appointments available.	Open January 1 through April 15	Stephanie Ditusa 519-1917
<b>Elder Case Management</b>	Case management services for abused/neglected and self-neglected elderly, early intervention, community and home care, general assessments, support groups, caretakers, and victims of abuse, pharmaceutical assistance, and Meals on Wheels. Seniors ages 55 years and over and adults with disabilities and their families or caregivers residing in the towns of Johnston, N. Providence, Smithfield, N. Smithfield, Burrillville, Glocester, Scituate, Foster, Cranston, Lincoln, Cumberland, and Woonsocket	Open	Linnea Tuttle 349-5760
<b>Emergency Boiler Repair</b>	Provides emergency boiler repair services and replacement for heating systems that are beyond repair. Low income residents of Johnston, North providence, Smithfield, Burrillville and Glocester	Open	Margaret Renaud 519-1918
<b>Emergency Food Vouchers</b>	Vouchers are provided to eligible individuals and families to support any emergency nutritional needs. Low income residents of Johnston, North providence, Smithfield, Burrillville, North Smithfield and Glocester	Open	Stephanie DiTusa 519-1917
<b>Emergency Housing Assistance Program (RHEHA)</b>	Rental, mortgage and security deposit assistance for eviction, foreclosure, natural disaster and domestic violence situations. Assistance with tenant/landlord disputes. Low income residents of Johnston, North Providence, Smithfield, Burrillville, North Smithfield and Glocester	Open	Ronald Manni 519-1938
<b>Even Start Family Literacy Program</b>	To provide a comprehensive and coordinated program of Early Childhood Education, Adult Basic Education, ESL, GED Prep, Literacy Skills Training, Job Coaching, Case Management, Interactive Child-Family Literacy Skills Training, and Parent Education. Low income families with children between the ages of 0-8 years in the Towns of Johnston, Smithfield, North Providence, Burrillville, North Smithfield, Glocester, Scituate and Foster	Open	Cheryl Patnaude 519-1914
<b>Family Planning Program</b>	Provides CONFIDENTIAL health visits for physicals, PAP smears, STD screening, and other reproductive-related issues. Provides free contraceptives including oral, Depo-Provera, and patches. Men and woman of reproductive age who are uninsured or underinsure	Open	Millie Anthony, RN 519-1940



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<b>Family Resource Counselor</b>	Provides advocacy and assistance with applications for Rite Care and Rite Share. Provides pre-screening and assistance with Food Stamps, RI Medical Assistance, WIC, Head Start, Fuel Assistance, and Social Services. Statewide referrals accepted for eligible families with children 18 years of age and under and for pre-natal clients.	Open	Kelli Lussier 519-1939
<b>Financial Literacy</b>	Provides financial literacy and education services to youth and adults ages 14 and up using the Money Smarts curriculum developed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Youth receive age appropriate training through the YouthLinks Program and adults may access services through Tri-Town's Emergency Services Department or Tax Preparation Program. Literacy topics include Budgeting; Banking Basics; Credit and Lenders; Debt Consolidation; Consumer Protection and Fraud; Home Ownership; and Retirement Planning. Program is available to residents in Johnston, North Providence, Smithfield, Burrillville, North Smithfield, Gloucester and Washington County.	Open	<u>Adults:</u> Stephanie DiTusa 519-1917 <u>Youth:</u> David Banno 519-1901
<b>Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP)</b>	Assistance in paying fuel/utility bills during the winter months provided to reduce home-heating costs (gas, electric, propane, oil, kerosene or wood), and emergency shut off assistance Low-income residents in the Towns of Johnston, North Providence, Smithfield, Burrillville, Gloucester	Open	Stephanie DiTusa 519-1917 Intake 519-1913
<b>Furniture Bank</b>	Pre-screening and intake for the Rhode Island Furniture Bank. Low income residents of Johnston, North providence, Smithfield, Burrillville, North Smithfield and Gloucester	Open	Margaret Renaud 519-1918
<b>HIV/AIDS Testing and Counseling</b>	Rapid and Standard testing available. Counseling and education services provided. Referrals accepted statewide	Open	Millie Anthony, RN 519-1940
<b>Holiday Food Baskets/Toy Distribution</b>	Seasonal distribution of food baskets and toys for low income residents of Johnston, North Providence, Smithfield, Burrillville, North Smithfield and Gloucester	Referrals accepted beginning November 1	Bill Morrisette 519-1916

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<b>Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)</b>	Provides temporary financial assistance, relocation and stabilization services to individuals and families who are homeless or would be homeless but for this assistance. HPRP provides intensive case management, landlord/tenant counseling, housing search and placement, legal assistance and financial counseling. Financial assistance may include short term rental assistance; rental arrearage, utilities, security deposits or moving costs.	Open	Katie von Maffei 519-1960
<b>Juvenile Hearing Boards</b>  <b>1. Johnston/Smithfield</b> <b>2. Foster/Glocester</b> <b>3. Scituate</b>	Offers alternative to Family Court. Sanctions are imposed, with a case management focus, to divert juvenile offenders from a second offense while identifying problems affecting their behavior, i.e., truancy, disobedience, delinquency. Juvenile offenders and their families in the Towns of Johnston, Smithfield, Scituate, Glocester, and Foster. Referred directly from local police departments.	Referrals made through local Police Departments	Patricia Sweet 519-1903
<b>Parenting Wisely &amp; Family Functional Therapy</b>	Parenting Wisely is designed to help teens and their families to increase communication; decrease family conflict; increase parental supervision; improve discipline and parenting techniques; and reduce or prevent juvenile delinquency, substance abuse; school failure; violent behaviors, and teen pregnancy. Youth and families referred through Juvenile Hearing Boards in Johnston, Smithfield, Scituate, Foster, Glocester and Burrillville, Truancy Courts, and through Self-Referral.	Open	Jean Vickers 519-1937
<b>Personal Choice Waiver</b>	Provides assessment and enrollment to participants; development, implementation, and monitoring of Individual Service and Spending Plan (ISSP); training and guidance to program participants to support self-direction, ensure health and safety through routine program monitoring activities, promote participants independence by providing annual assessments of accessibility, equipment needs, and health education needs; and assistance to client toward oversight of care and arrangement of necessary services. Referrals are accepted on a statewide basis. Must be eligible for RI Medical Assistance, in need of Personal Care. Only seniors and disabled adults are eligible for services.	Open	Linnea Tuttle 349-5760
<b>Prevention Task Force Coalitions:</b> <b>1. Smithfield</b> <b>2. Johnston</b> <b>3. North Providence</b>	Coordinates the Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force Coalition in each of the three communities (Separate Task Force Coalitions), including all major stakeholders in the community including representatives from schools, housing authority, substance abuse and mental health, faith-based organizations, chambers of commerce, municipalities, senior centers, juvenile justice, youth services, recreation, health care, etc., to establish an annual community-wide plan to deliver substance abuse prevention services in the community. Residents of the Towns of North Providence, Johnston, or Smithfield		Patricia Sweet 519-1903



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<b>Senior Health Insurance Program / RIPAE</b>	Provides assistance with obtaining supplemental Health Insurance, Medicare Part D; and assists with prescription payments through enrolling clients in the RI Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (RIPAE). Statewide referrals accepted. Must be a senior citizen or disabled adult.	Open	Linnea Tuttle 349-5760
<b>Senior Medical Patrol</b>	To coordinate health care fraud, waste and abuse training sessions and presentations in local senior centers, assisted living units, elderly housing units and the community in general; and to assist Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries to help them navigate the state system. Referrals accepted statewide.	Open	Linnea Tuttle 349-5760
<b>Stanford Model Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSM)</b>	A six week health education program to provide education regarding self-management techniques needed to assist client with chronic disease including diabetes, asthma, depression, cardio-vascular disease, hypertension, cancer. Statewide referrals accepted. Any adult with chronic disease (or their spouse/caregiver), including diabetes, cancer, depression, hypertension, and cardio-vascular disease.	Open	Linnea Turgeon 519-1990
<b>Strategic Prevention Grants</b> <b>1. North Providence</b> <b>2. Smithfield</b>	Community Prevention Program for residents of the towns of North Providence and Johnston to conduct a town-wide needs assessment, capacity building plan, strategic planning, and the implementation of best-practice Substance Abuse Prevention Programs within the schools, community-based organizations and with families. Must be a resident of North Providence or Smithfield	Membership Open SAMSHA Model	Jeanne Vickers 519-1937
<b>Summer Youth Employment and Training</b>	A six-week summer program for 14 and 15 year olds includes occupational exploration, career development, job shadows, company tours, guest speakers, field trips and leadership development. Includes paid incentives.	Open July to August	Jamie Sisto 519-1929
<b>Victims of Crime Advocacy Program</b>	Case management, filing of restraining orders, assistance with filing for restitution and/or compensation, assistance with attending pre-trial hearings and follow-up and information, referral and counseling. Statewide for victims of crime over the age of 60 years.	Open	William Morrisette 519-1916

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<b>Weatherization</b>	Assists low-income individuals and families to permanently reduce their energy consumptions and increase energy efficiencies. Energy Audits conducted to determine need for insulation, weayerstripping, pipe sealer, replacement of storm windows and doors. AMP examines electrical use in the home (computerized audit) and replaces light bulbs, small appliances and refrigerators, if they are determined to be inefficient. Must meet income eligibility guidelines. Serves residents from the Towns of Johnston, North Providence, Smithfield, Burrillville, Gloucester	Open	Margaret Renaud 519-1918
<b>Women, Infants and Children Nutritional Program</b>	Provides monthly food vouchers to purchase nutritious foodstuffs including milk, eggs, cheese, iron fortified cereals, juice. Monthly Nutrition Education and Counseling services provided by Certified and Licensed Dieticians. Statewide for pregnant and parenting women with infants and children under the age of 5 years. Sites in Johnston and Burrillville,	Open	Karen Schiltz 519-1931 Intake 519-1932
<b>Women's Cancer Screening Program</b>	Provides enrollment, screening and treatment for breast and cervical cancer. Offers free mammograms, PAP testing and office visits for uninsured women. State-Wide program for woman between the ages of 40 to 64.	Open	Millie Anthony, RN 519-1940
<b>Youth Responsibility</b>	Science-based curriculum to assist youth in assuming responsibility for their actions and the possible consequences of those actions, includes life skills training, prevention-based curriculum. Non-pregnant or parenting youth who are at risk for teen pregnancy (or second unwanted pregnancy), dropping out of school, substance abuse, and juvenile delinquency.	Open	Patricia Sweet 519-1903
<b>Youth Success</b>	Intensive case management services focusing on school completion and/or - GED; Adult Basic Education and Literacy, ESL, Life Skills Training and Parent Education. Pregnant and parenting teens who are 20 years of age or younger	Open	Patricia Sweet 519-1903
<b>Youthlinks</b>	Provides academic and vocational assessment and exploration, GED prep, basic skills remediation, occupational skills training, employment assistance and placement, intensive case management, job coaching, leadership skills, adult mentoring, life skills training, tracking and follow up. Statewide for youth ages 14 -24 years old, for both in-school and out-of school youth.	Open	David Banno 519-1901