



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Forums

To identify the concerns of people with disabilities and their families

Monday July 23, 2007 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Independence Square II, Independence Way, Kingston, route 136 just west of the URI campus;

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Middletown Library's Community Room, 700 West Main Road, Middletown

Wednesday July 25, 2007 10 am – Noon

Woonsocket Senior Center's Conference Room, 84 Social Street, Woonsocket

Wednesday July 25, 2007 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Barrington Public Library's Gallery, 281 County Road, Barrington

Thursday July 26, 2007 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Warwick Public Library's Community Room, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick

Friday July 27, 2007 3 – 5 pm

RI Department of Health's Health Policy Forum basement, Three Capitol Hill, Providence

**Comments may be made in person during the hearing, or you can mail, fax or e-mail them by July 31st to:
Governor's Commission on Disabilities**

John O. Pastore Center – 41 Cherry Dale Court, Cranston, RI 02920-3049

462-0106 (fax) or disabilities@gcd.ri.gov (e-mail).

We ask that you use unscented personal care products. Please realize that what may seem to you to be a mild fragrance can constitute a toxic exposure for a person with an environmental illness. CART Recorders (real-time captioning) and assistive listening devices will be at all sites, courtesy of the Assistive Technology Access Partnership.

"The RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will provide sign language interpreters, contact the CDHH (voice) 222-1204 or (tty) 222-1205 to confirm which forums will have interpreters.

When making the ADA reservation with RIdE to get to and from the public hearing, tell the RIdE reservationist 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. The ADA fare is still applicable.

For more information or to request accommodation needed, please call: 462-0100 at least 3 business days 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.

Donald L. Carcieri, Governor

The Public Forums are sponsored by the commissions, departments, and organizations listed below that provide services and/or advocate on behalf of people with disabilities:

Brain Injury Association of RI, Sharon Brinkworth, Executive Director; **Community Provider Network of RI**, Donna Martin, Executive Director; **In-Sight**, Christopher Butler, Executive Director; **J.A. Trudeau Memorial Center**, Mary Madden, President/CEO; **Looking Upwards, Inc.**, Carrie Miranda, Executive Director **NAMI Rhode Island**, Chaz Gross, CAGS, Executive Director; **Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island**, Mark E. Reynolds, Chief Executive Officer; **Ocean State Center for Independent Living**, Lorna Ricci, Executive Director; **Opportunities Unlimited for People With Differing Abilities**, Linda N. Ward, Executive Director; **PAL**, Doreen McConaghy, Director; **PARI Independent Living Center**, Leo Canuel, Executive Director; **Rhodes to Independence @ the University of Rhode Island, College of Pharmacy**, Donald Letendre, Dean, Elaina Goldstein, Director of Public Policy; **RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**, Steven A. Florio, Executive Director; **RI Department of Elderly Affairs**, Corinne Calise Russo, Director; **RI Department of Health**, Dr. David R. Gifford, Director; **RI Department of Human Services**, Gary Alexander, Director; **RI Disability Law Center**, Raymond Bandusky, Executive Director; **RI Disability Vote Project**, Stephanie Booth, Moderator; **RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities**, Paul Choquette, Chairperson; **RI Public Transit Authority**, Alfred Moscola, General Manager; **RI Statewide Independent Living Council**, Donald Phelps, Chairperson; **Spurwink/RI**, Raymond A. Arsenault, Executive Director