



**Rhode Island
Coalition for
Children and Families**

Promoting safety, health and success from infancy to adulthood.

Investing in Children's Futures

FY2023 ANNUAL REPORT

(July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

RICCF's Year in Review

We are pleased to share the Rhode Island Coalition for Children and Families' Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report. Our coalition continues to be steadfast in advocating for the well-being of Rhode Island's children, youth, and families.



From left to right: Adoption RI Executive Director Darlene Allen, RICCF Executive Director Tanja Kubas Meyer, and DCYF Chief Implementation Aide Christian Miller

RICCF members deliver a wide range of services centered on the well-being of Rhode Island's children, youth, and families. We carry out our work through a series of committees and workgroups, leveraging the expertise of members and creating synergy across the Coalition for action. We are proud of our many accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2023 and are excited about the work underway in Fiscal Year 2024.

We thank our members for their commitment and dedication. We welcome new organizational and individual members who share our commitment

to the safety, health and success of children, youth and their families through quality and comprehensive services, economic and concrete supports, anti-racism and race equity.

In partnership,
Tanja Kubas Meyer, *Executive Director*
Darlene Allen, *Chair of the Board of Directors*

Health & Human Services Coalition Day of Action

Funding for crucial behavioral health and human services was set to end on June 30, 2023, endangering support for Rhode Islanders with various needs. RICCF joined the Health and Human Services (HHS) Coalition to rally at the State House on April 20, 2023 to urge legislators to invest in community-based organizations and stabilize the social services workforce.

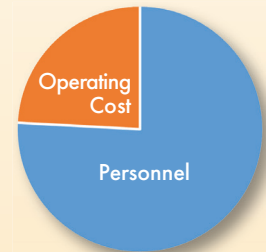
The Coalition includes the Community Provider Network of RI, Horizon Healthcare Partners, the Rhode Island Coalition for Children and Families, Senior Agenda Coalition of RI, and the Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council of RI.



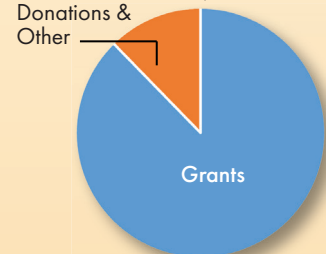
Financials

Rhode Island Coalition for Children and Families is comprised of two side-by-side legal entities governed and operating under the same board and staff. For the fiscal year that began July 1, 2022 and ended June 30, 2023, the combined entities had a net operating surplus of \$61,387 and assets totaling **\$230,810** and liabilities totaling **\$44,919**.

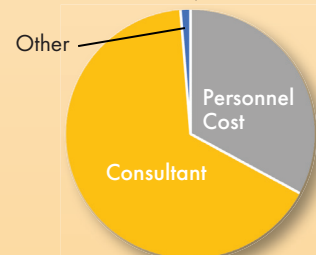
Ed Fund (501(c)3)
FY2023 Expenses
\$198,965



Ed Fund (501(c)3)
FY2023 Revenue
\$216,675



RICCF (501(c)4)
FY2023 Expenses
\$100,386



RICCF (501(c)4)
FY2023 Revenue
\$142,750
(all revenue from member dues)

2023 Key Legislative Priorities & Accomplishments

During the 2023 Rhode Island General Assembly session, the RICCF led advocacy on behalf of DCYF and other human service programs and saw additional bills enacted that will benefit Rhode Island's children, youth, and families.

Supporting Human Service Providers:

With advocacy by RICCF and members, the General Assembly approved continued \$7.9M in wage support for DCYF provider agencies, ensuring bonuses for workers earning up to \$75,000 until new contracts are signed in FY'24. RICCF and its members actively engaged in the Advisory Council to the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) Rate Review process. Advocacy for interim rate enhancements was deferred until FY'25, aligning with recommendations from the OHIC.

Contract Re-Procurement:

The Governor targeted \$7M for new DCYF contracts, and the General Assembly kept this funding, leading to a 7% rate increase for contracts. These funds will help address increasing costs for essentials such as food, utilities, insurance, and staff pay. RICCF thanks the Governor and the General Assembly for their support.

Addressing Emerging Challenges:

The RICCF remains dedicated to addressing ongoing challenges and emerging crises including disparities in the child welfare system, children and youth mental health and the rise in unhoused youth and families. Over the past year, RICCF gathered crucial data from members, advocated for community care providers, and collaborated with legislators and state officials. RICCF members provide services in every community in Rhode Island, providing real time input on needs and trends. RICCF is committed to being nimble and responsive to the needs of children, youth, and families.

Other legislative achievements RICCF supported in FY'23 include:

- **H5007/S002:** Creates a lead water supply replacement program for public and private service lines and requires the disclosure of the presence of lead service lines.
- **H5426:** This measure brings Rhode Island's health insurers in line with federal Affordable Care Act standards and stops them from imposing yearly or lifelong coverage limits in state-issued health insurance plans.
- **H54256/S023:** Aligns Rhode Island's health insurers with federal Affordable Care Act standards ensuring eligible state residents can access coverage without pre-existing condition restrictions or exclusions.
- **H5760:** Limits the use of certain criminal records and credit history reports in denying housing to prospective applicants and imposes fines for failure to comply.

2022 Annual Policy & Awards Luncheon



Our Annual Policy and Awards Luncheon brings together community service providers, government leaders, and supporters to celebrate the efforts to keep children, youth, and families safe and healthy. The 2022 Policy and Awards Luncheon honored several public, private and community leaders who made an impact on the lives of Rhode Island children and families including:

- Congressional Champion Award: Then-U.S. Congressman Jim Langevin received the Congressional Champion Award for his work as co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Foster Youth and his advocacy for youth in foster care.
- Then-state Representative Marcia Ranglin-Vassell and State Senator Sandra Cano received Legislative Champions Awards for successfully passing the trauma-informed school bill, which provides training for all Rhode Island school personnel on the impact of trauma on children and youth.
- State Representative Julie Casimiro and State Senator Louis P. DiPalma received Legislative Champion awards for their work in stabilizing the human services sector.
- Navigant Credit Union received the Community Champion Award for its philanthropic commitment to the community and for sponsoring the National Foster Care Month celebration at Roger Williams Park Zoo, which was attended by more than 800 youth and family members.



Membership Benefits

The Rhode Island Coalition for Children and Families is comprised of a community of health and human service providers and individuals working together to educate, advocate and collaborate to promote the safety, health, and success of Rhode Island's children, youth, and their families.

RICCF members gain access to valuable information, resources, research, and dialogue with key leaders. We impact state policy and practice, provide opportunities for collaboration to enhance policy and resources, and service delivery and quality. We engage nationally on issues of child wellbeing, children's behavioral health and family support.

Current Issue Committees and Workgroups Include:

- Anti-Racism and Race Equity
- Children's Behavioral Health Committee in partnership with the Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council
- Education Committee (Youth in Care or with Special Education Needs)
- Out of Home Placements: Residential and Foster Care
- State Contracting, Technology, and Administrative Issues

Those interested in becoming members and collaborating on projects and initiatives that tackle systemic issues, foster innovative solutions and drive positive change should write to info@riccf.org.

2023 Full Member Organizations

Adoption Rhode Island · Alliance Health & Human Services · The ARC Rhode Island · Bethany Christian Services
Boys Town New England · Child & Family RI · Communities for People · Community Care Alliance · Community Solutions
Comprehensive Community Action Program · Day One · Devereux RI · East Bay Community Action Program
Family Service of Rhode Island · Foster Forward · Gateway Healthcare · The Groden Network · Harmony Hill School
JAMMAT Housing and Community Development Corporation · Justice Resource Institute · Key Program · Looking Upwards
Newport County Community Mental Health Center · NAFI RI · Ocean Tides · Parent Support Network of RI
Perspectives Corporation · The Providence Center · Rhode Island Parent Information Network · Sojourner House · Spurwink RI
St. Mary's Home for Children · Thrive Behavioral Health · Tides Family Services · Tri-County Community Action Agency
The Village for RI Foster and Adoptive Families · West Bay Community Action · Whitmarsh Corporation

2023 Allied Member Organizations

Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence · Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless
Rhode Island Council for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

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