

Department of Elderly Affairs



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Taylor grew up in Hartford Conn. and attended Yale University where she received her degree in History with distinction. After college she worked a year in Germany at the USO on the Air Base in Wiesbaden, placing collect calls home for the Army privates. In 1985, Taylor moved to Washington DC where she worked as a receptionist for Congressman Bob Smith of Oregon and was hired in February 1987 by US Senator John Chafee where she was promoted to legislative assistant for defense and foreign policy. Taylor moved to Providence in 2001 and worked as a speech writer and senior editor for then Senator Lincoln Chafee.

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Our mission is very simple:
"To preserve the independence, dignity, and capacity for choice for seniors, adults with disabilities, families and caregivers."

THE POINT

Rhode Island's Aging and Disability Resource Center provides information, referrals, and help getting started with programs and services for seniors, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers.

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Health Insurance Counseling

The Department of Elderly Affairs published the Rhode Island Guide to Buying Medicare Supplement Insurance and Medicare Advantage Plans. This guide explains the basics of Medicare and insurance plans that work with Medicare. For a free copy of this publication, call DEA at 401-462-3000. You can also request a copy by e-mail to LGrimaldi@dea.ri.gov

Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) volunteers and staff are also trained to help older adults and adults with disabilities understand their health care options. Call 462-0560.

RHODE ISLAND PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY (RIPAE)

Rhode Island residents 65 or older, who meet specific income guidelines, are eligible to enroll in RIPAE. RIPAE members are mandated to have enrollment in a Medicare Part D plan. Member co-payments for prescriptions used to treat medical conditions listed in Category A are based on a sliding scale. RIPAE members 65 and older can purchase medications listed in Category B at the discounted RIPAE price.

Rhode Island residents between the ages of 55 and 64, who are receiving Social Security Disability (SSDI) payments, and who meet specific income guidelines, can purchase Category A and B medications at the RIPAE discounted price. Call 462-3000.

Protective Services

The Protective Service Unit is responsible for investigating complaints of elderly abuse of Rhode Islanders 60 and older by a family member, caregiver or person with duty of care. **Abuse** may include physical, emotional, sexual, financial exploitation, or abandonment. Call 462-0555.

Media & Communications

462-0509

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

SCSEP provides employment and training opportunities through placement at non-profit agencies statewide. Participants earn minimum wage, work 20 to 30 hours weekly and develop skills on the job for future employment. The goal for each individual is to obtain permanent part-time or full-time employment. Call 467-9610, ext. 162.

Home & Community Care

The programs provide eligible seniors with innovative options to help them remain in the community and avoid premature institutionalization. These options are designed to assist the functionally impaired senior meet a wide variety of medical, environmental, and social needs. Based on eligibility, Home and Community Care Programs may provide home health aide services, adult day services, a personal emergency response system, Meals on Wheels, Senior Companion, minor home modifications, or minor assistive devices.

If appropriate, placement in an assisted living facility may be made.

For most Home and Community Care Programs, a person must be 65 or older, a resident of Rhode Island, and be basically homebound (unable to leave home without considerable assistance).

For some persons on Medical Assistance (Medicaid), services may be provided at no charge. Other Medicaid clients may have to make a contribution towards services. Call 462-0570.