



All Rhode Islanders deserve a warm place to live, food on the table, and affordable health care. In addition, families require affordable, quality child care and opportunities for education and training in order to advance in the workplace. The One RI platform offers modest proposals that would help low-income Rhode Islanders meet their basic needs.

### 2008 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM



Restore child care subsidies to 225% of the Federal Poverty Level and fulfill the promise of the Starting RIte program by allowing families on the program to retain eligibility until their income reaches 250% FPL. (H 7846)

Continue funding for Food Stamp outreach to ensure eligible Rhode Islanders are enrolled in the Food Stamp Program and have access to nutritious meals. (H 7454)



Allow undocumented high school graduates to pay in-state tuition at state universities and colleges. (H 7871)

Expand the successful RIte Smiles dental program for children over the age of 6 so more children receive preventive dental care. (S 2574)

Provide RIte Care to legal permanent resident parents and children and assure that all children have access to primary and preventive health care by covering all children regardless of immigration status. (H 7875/S 2220)



Expand RIte Care eligibility for children by raising eligibility income limits from 250% to 300% of the federal poverty level and allowing families with higher incomes to "buy in".



Improve the Family Independence Program by expanding workforce readiness services to address the needs of parents with low skills and limited job experience.

Increase the state's refundable Earned Income Tax Credit putting more money in the pockets of working families. (S 2182)



Support continued funding for the Neighborhood Opportunities Program and supportive services that help people with special needs obtain housing. (H 7687/ S 2219)

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