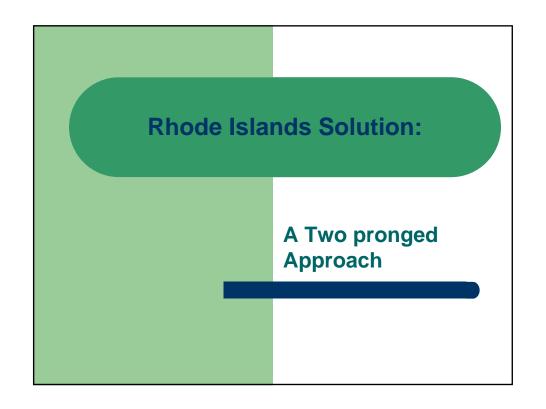
Rhode Island Department of Health Birth Defects Program

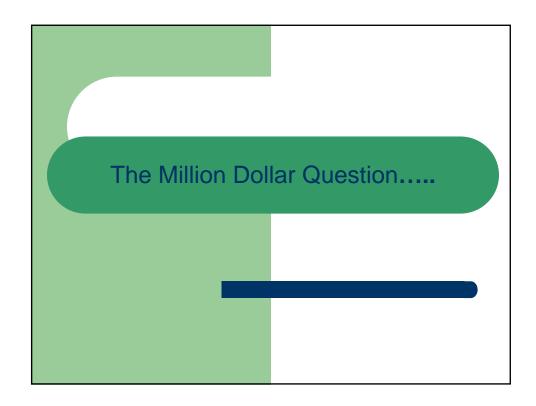
Background:

Rhode Island Birth Defects Program: Identify Track and monitor Quality Assurance





Case Ascertainment: • Hospital Discharge Data • Kidsnet: Birth Records Pediatric Providers Family/Primary Care Doctors Health Clinics Laboratory Reports from Newborn Blood Spots WIC Program Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Early Intervention Programs Newborn Developmental Risk Assessment Family Outreach Program Hearing Assessment Program Birth Defects Program



What is the Rhode Island Parent Information Network

- Founded in 1991, the Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) is a statewide, 501(c)(3), charitable, nonprofit organization with a collective programmatic reach that extends to every Rhode Island community, the state's major family-serving systems, schools, associations, and agencies
- Currently employs over 75 individuals
- Last year served over 65,000 families

RIPIN'S Parent Consultant Program-

Eligibility: A Rhode Island parent of a child who is currently or has been, within the last three years, enrolled in a DFH program who is available to work up to 20 hours/week, depending on the availability of funds, and who carries with them a vast knowledge of the system of care within the State of Rhode Island for Children with Special Needs.

Parent Consultant Objectives:

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- To strengthen partnerships between families and direct care providers, and between families and their own communities across Rhode Island
- To identify and build opportunities for families of consumers to participate in the design, and implementation of new programs
- To identify the benefits to families participating in DFH programs, as well as barriers to service delivery
- To train parents and family members to be informed spokespersons and effective advocates for themselves and others as it pertains to issues like healthcare, and education.

Where Are Our Parent Consultants?:

- Children's Neuro-Developmental Center @ Hasbro Children's Hospital
- Memorial Hospitals Children's Neuro-Development Center
- Specialty Care Clinics
- Primary Care Offices
- Local Health Centers

Birth Defect Parent Consultant at the Department of Health Manage the Collection of the Incoming Data Rhode Island Parent Information Network Parent Consultant Program (RIPIN) Acquire Data Providers Families

