

# 2009 RIAFSA Membership

## Nursing Homes

Ballou Home for the Aged  
Jeanne Jugan Residence  
John Clarke Retirement Center  
Linn Health Care Center  
Mount St. Rita  
Saint Antoine Residence  
Saint Elizabeth Home  
Saint Elizabeth Manor  
Scandinavian Home  
St. Clare Home for the Aged  
Steere House  
Tockwotton Home

## Assisted Living Residences

Ethan Place  
Franciscan Missions of Mary  
Jeanne Jugan Residence  
Saint Elizabeth Court  
Saint Francis House  
Scandinavian Retirement Center  
Tamarisk Assisted Living  
The Villa at St. Antoine  
The Seasons  
Tockwotton Home  
Winslow Gardens Assisted Living

## Adult Day Health Services

Alternative Adult Day Care  
Cornerstone Adult Services  
Forest Farm Adult Day Services  
Fruit Hill Day Services for the Elderly  
Hope Alzheimer's Center  
Homestead Group Adult Day Center  
Nancy Brayton Osborn Adult Day Center  
To Life Adult Day Center  
Westerly Adult Day Services  
The Willows Adult Day Services

## Senior Housing

John Clarke Retirement Center  
Jeanne Jugan Residence  
Peace Dale House  
Shalom Housing 1  
Shalom Housing 2  
Winslow Gardens  
Saint Elizabeth Place

## Associate Members

Beacon Hospice  
East Side Clinical Lab  
Evercare  
Health Trac  
Heritage Healthcare Services  
Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island  
Home Instead Senior Care  
Innovatix  
Insurance Reconstruction Services  
Kasabian Construction  
LarsonAllen, LLP  
LGC&D  
The Marlin Company  
Mastors & Servant Risk Services  
McKesson  
Mobile Medical Radiography and EKG  
Mobilex USA  
Odyssey Healthcare of RI  
Omnicare  
People First Rehab  
Pharmerica  
Quality Partners  
Roush and Associates  
Sullivan & Co.  
Sysco Boston  
UHF of New England



# RIAFSA

Rhode Island Association of Facilities and Services  
for the Aging

## 2009 Year in Review

Dear Colleagues,

RIAFSA is proud to represent our diverse membership of high quality providers, who help thousands of individuals and families every day receive the care they need, when they need it, in the place they call home. The year 2009 was certainly a challenging one in Rhode Island. In long term care, it was a time of uncertainty given the new Global Medicaid Waiver, coupled with the increasingly dire state fiscal situation. In order to help navigate these challenges, RIAFSA was an active and visible presence throughout the state working on behalf of the needs and interests of all its members, whether they involved budgetary issues, regulatory concerns, information and educational needs, and more.

On behalf of RIAFSA, we wish to thank all of our Provider Members and our Associate Members for their support for and involvement in RIAFSA. Please know that we remain committed to do our best to provide you with the tools, resources, education, and advocacy to help you achieve your mission.

Enclosed are just some of the highlights of your state association's activities in 2009, as well as those of AAHSA.

Best wishes in 2010 to you, your families, and your communities.

Sincerely

Kevin McKay  
RIAFSA President

James Nyberg  
RIAFSA Director

As a unique association representing a constellation of care for our aging population, RIAFSA remained steadfast in its commitment to its mission-driven members and to advance the quality of care for the populations they serve.

## Advocacy

During the 2009 General Assembly session and beyond, RIAFSA and its members, as well as the Mayforth Group, testified in dozens of committee hearings and Public Comment hearings by state agencies. We also met with key legislators and senior administration officials to highlight the issues and concerns of RIAFSA **nursing homes, assisted living residences, senior housing, and adult day health centers**. A coordinated media relations campaign by MK Talbot PR enhanced our advocacy efforts. These collective efforts helped produce successes, despite the most turbulent economy in many years. These include (but are not limited to):

Combating draconian budget cuts to **nursing homes**, including another proposed COLA delay, a 5% across-the-board rate reduction, and a retroactive labor rate cut. Our efforts helped minimize these cuts, including restoring the COLA, reducing the across-the-board cut of 5% to just 2-1/2 months, and limiting the retroactivity of the labor rate cut.

RIAFSA fought another proposed cut to **nursing homes** of \$7.9 million through an acuity adjustment. The cut was reduced to \$2.6 million, and RIAFSA continues to fight a flawed implementation methodology. RIAFSA also advocated for the cost of living adjustment for nursing homes, which was included in the 2010 budget.

RIAFSA vigorously opposed a proposed dramatic increase in the cost of **adult day services** under the Co-Pay program to \$18 per day. The increase was reduced to \$15 per day and RIAFSA will remain vigilant of any further increases.

RIAFSA helped thwart an effort to impose a \$2 per ride fare for individuals attending **adult day care**, which would also have severely impacted the adult day care industry.

RIAFSA worked diligently to lay the groundwork for rate reform in **assisted living**, and will continue these efforts in 2010. We also worked closely with RIALA on a wide range of regulatory issues, which will also be a focus in 2010.

RIAFSA played a visible role in the debate over, and implementation of, RI's Global Medicaid Waiver. From the outset, we raised issues of concern to all of our providers, including eligibility determination, access, and infrastructure. RIAFSA continues to provide input as the Waiver is implemented, through meetings with state officials and through its seat on the Global Medicaid Waiver Task Force.

Moreover, RIAFSA plays a leading role in addressing the unique needs and issues of **senior housing providers** by chairing the Housing Work Group of the Task Force. The need for "housing with services" will be a prominent focus in 2010.

RIAFSA developed strong connections to our congressional delegation, meeting with all members to outline our issues and concerns. In addition, AAHSA remains an active and visible presence at the federal level, advocating on behalf of **senior housing, assisted living, nursing homes, and adult day providers**. AAHSA's

accomplishments flyer is attached.

In addition to its advocacy efforts in the State House, RIAFSA was actively involved in discussions related to aging policies and programs throughout Rhode Island, participating in numerous committees and commissions and collaborating with other stakeholders on issues of mutual interest, including RIALA, RIHCA, the Senior Agenda Coalition, the Partnership for Home Care, and AARP.

## Membership News

The full integration of RIAFSA and RIADSA was completed, with RIAFSA welcoming nine adult day members representing 12 centers. This integration will enhance both the voice of the adult day industry and the voice of RIAFSA as a responsible advocate for a strong long term care continuum.

RIAFSA held its annual Quality of Life luncheon, during which numerous volunteers were recognized, and the John Hedderson Award for Employee Excellence was awarded to Michael Lavoie, Maintenance Supervisor at Saint Elizabeth Home. Representative Joe McNamara was our guest speaker.

RIAFSA welcomed a new Provider Member, The Homestead Group, which launched an adult day center in Woonsocket in July 2009.

RIAFSA also welcomed several new and returning Associate Members, totaling 25 partners. We appreciate the support of all our Associate Members!

## Information and Education

RIAFSA distributed its weekly newsletter, the [RIAFSA Weekly Round Up](#), which contains up-to-the-minute information on long term care policy in Rhode Island and at the federal level, as well as other important news nuggets, funding announcements, member updates and more.

The year 2009 also included a wide range of educational programming for members. RIAFSA's two signature events – the 2009 Annual Conference and Trade Show and the 2009 LTC Policy Conference—continued to draw large crowds. During the Annual Conference, Senator Rhoda Perry was the recipient of our "Making a Difference Award." In addition, there were seven continuing education seminars that RIAFSA sponsored or cosponsored on a wide range of topics, intended to provide valuable information for members to improve care and services in a cost-effective way.

RIAFSA had an aggressive media relations effort to raise awareness of the needs and issues of all its members. This included numerous press releases, several Op-Eds in both statewide and regional newspapers, television interviews, and numerous quotes on various topics.

RIAFSA ensured that its unique voice is heard across the state through its formal representation on numerous boards, committees, and task forces. These include the Long Term Care Coordinating Council, the Global Medicaid Waiver Implementation Taskforce, the Joint Legislative Commission on Nursing Home Culture Change, the Home & Community Care Advisory Council, the Quality Partners Board, the RI Generations Board, the RI Quality Institute Health IT Steering Committee, the Health Care Quality Program Steering Committee, and more.