



## Personal Assistance Services and Supports (PASS) Fact Sheet

### What is Personal Assistance Services and Supports (PASS)?

PASS is a family-directed service provided in the home and/or community setting, utilizing a PASS worker to help families of children with special health care needs with the following:

- A child's ability to become more independent with activities of daily life
- A child's ability to self-regulate to maintain safety
- A child's ability to participate in home and community activities that require peer interactions and use of social skills

Expert guidance by a clinical consultant is available to the family and PASS worker to provide recommendations to work toward family goals.

### Who is Eligible?

Children who are under 21 and meet the following requirements:

- Enrolled in Medicaid
- Live at home with their family, legal guardians
- Chronic and moderate to severe cognitive, physical, developmental and/or psychiatric diagnosis within the last two years

### What is the role of the Family in PASS?

- Collaborate and communicate with PASS agency staff to develop a PASS care plan and provide updates and information as needed
- Recruit, train, manage and supervise their PASS worker for the identified service hours

### What is the role of the Worker in PASS?

- Work with the family to implement the PASS Care Plan
- Provide the child with guidance and redirection, opportunities for social interactions, and hands-on assistance when applicable
- Provide documentation of progress toward family goals
- Engage in weekly supervision from a PASS coordinator who reports to a clinical consultant

### How to Access:

- Contact your health plan if you are enrolled in Medicaid, RItCare or RItShare (Neighborhood Health Plan or United Healthcare, Tufts Health Plan)
- Contact the PASS provider directly if neither of the above apply to your family.

### Helpful Links for More Information:

EOHHS website for information on certified Respite Providers and application packets:  
<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Consumer/FamilieswithChildren/ChildrenwithSpecialNeeds.aspx>

Rewarding Work website to find a potential PASS Worker in your area:  
[www.Rewardingwork.org/](http://www.Rewardingwork.org/)