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, RIteCare or RIteShare (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/