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Women's History Month Event: Vermont Women in the Arts
Wednesday, March 12th from noon to 1:00
Auditorium in the Pavilion Building, 109 State Street, Montpelier
Reception to follow in the Vermont History Museum (upstairs)

March is Women's History Month, an annual worldwide celebration highlighting the contributions of women in history and society. Once again the Vermont Historical Society and the Vermont Commission on Women will present a program, part of our ongoing series of discussions celebrating Women's History Month and sharing the thoughts, perspectives and stories of accomplished Vermont women.

This year's program theme is Vermont Women in the Arts. The event's goal is to share the accomplishments and perspectives of talented and creative women working in Vermont in a variety of visual media, and to reflect on how their experiences have changed as the role of women has changed in the last half century, particularly in Vermont.

In past years, we've looked at journalism, the law, the military – these are panel discussions where individuals speak about their own experiences, what inspired them to pursue the field, and what have been challenges and successes. These have been hugely successful and well attended in the past. We've moved to a larger venue in the same building in response to last year's standing room only event. Food and drink are prohibited in the auditorium but a reception in the Vermont History Museum will follow with desserts and beverages. RSVPs appreciated at Amanda.Gustin@state.vt.us questions/concerns/*or to request accommodations such as seating, interpreting, etc.* to 802-828-2180. Special thanks to event sponsors: Vermont College of Fine Arts and co-sponsor, Clute Wealth Management.

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Domestic Violence Specialist Position open at DCF

The DCF Family Services Division, Domestic Violence Unit has a current opening for a full time Domestic Violence Specialist, based in the Barre District office, but with responsibilities for coverage in additional district offices. This position is Limited Services, based on funding through a federal grant. This position requires a self-directed professional who has good collaboration and communication skills. The position requires case consultation with District office staff and community partners as well as some direct service. In addition, the DV Specialist works with community partners to improve systems collaboration on response to adult and child victims of domestic violence. Qualified candidates must have experience providing direct services to victims of domestic and sexual violence or certified batterer's intervention program along with understanding of the coordinated community response system to domestic violence.

Applications must be submitted via the link below, you must apply online to be considered. Resumes will not be accepted via e-mail. Applications must be received by, February 3, 2014

https://vthr.peoplesoft.state.vt.us/psc/VTHR/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL?&

In the Search window type in *Domestic Violence Specialist*

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Business Wisdom Circle, Conversations to rock your business!
Tuesday January 28, 2014 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Central VT Community Action Campus, 20 Gable Place, Barre

How are those new, bright, shiny goals doing this week? Need a boost? Support? Maybe a tiny bit of gentle accountability from others who get what you are going through? Join this month's Business Wisdom Circle. Lavish some love on those important goals, and then build bridges between big picture goals and simple daily actions. The Business Wisdom Circle is a monthly women business owners peer-to-peer mentoring & networking event where women at any stage of business - just exploring, starting-up, on your way, or well-established - come together, in the tradition of women's circles everywhere, to share challenges, strategies, feedback, resources, support, and inspiration. This is a distinctly feminine way of doing business: collaborative, heart-centered, practical, and fun.

\$10.00 and light refreshments provided. For more information about this event or Vermont Women's Business Center services, please contact: Maureen Dougherty, info@vwbc.org, 802-479-9813, www.vwbc.org facebook: VtWBC, VWBC is a project of Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. and is funded in part through a co-operative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. VWBC makes every effort to provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities or limited english proficiency when requested at least two weeks in advance.

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The Vermont Commission on Women is pleased to invite you to join us as we celebrate 50 years of progress for Vermont's women and their families.
Wednesday, April 9th, 2014
4:00 – 6:00 pm, State House Cedar Creek Room

Featuring Governor Peter Shumlin and keynote speaker Governor Madeleine Kunin.
For more information or to request accommodations such as seating, interpreting, etc. at this event, please contact [Claire Greene](mailto:Claire.Greene@vt.gov)/802-828-2852

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Dinner and Silent Auction at A Single Pebble (Burlington)
To benefit Prevent Child Abuse Vermont
Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 6:00 PM

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month – make your contribution and enjoy a fabulous dinner.
\$75.00 per ticket (\$47.00 tax deductible). Reserve your ticket now by calling: 1-800-CHILDREN (1-800-244-5373) or via email: ebride@pcavt.org

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Watch Restore Our Communities: Women in Prison
<http://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/women-prison>

Suzi Wizowaty, Director of Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform, speaks with Jill Evans, Director of Women and Family Services at Vermont Department of Corrections, Cary Brown, Executive Director of Vermont Commission on Women, and Tiffany Bluemle, Executive Director of Vermont Works for Women on 'Women in Prisons'. Recorded last week at Channel 17/Town Meeting Television and CCTV Center for Media & Democracy.

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Paid Sick Days Legislation
Public Hearing and Press Conference/reception
State House, Montpelier

Public hearing: Thursday, Jan. 30th, 10:00 a.m. to noon
The House General and Military Affairs committee will hold a public hearing on Paid Sick Days legislation. Testimony from individuals may be limited to 2 minutes.

Press conference: Thursday, February 6th, 2:00 in the Cedar Creek room, Reception at 4:00.

For more information on either event please contact Lindsay DesLauriers, Public Policy Associate, Voices for Vermont's Children, lindsayd@voicesforvtkids.org, (802) 229-6377 x.204.
cell: (802) 343-7423

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Statewide Early Childhood Action Plan

The Early Childhood [Action Plan](#) will map out how we will make progress over the next two years towards the six goals in Vermont's new [Early Childhood Framework](#). Extensive input received during 2013 leading up to the Governor's Early Childhood Summit and release of Vermont's Early Childhood Framework last October resulted in the generation of many suggested strategies and actions to accomplish the goals—many more than can realistically fit into the Action Plan currently being developed to implement the Framework. [Click here](#) to view the proposed Early Childhood Action Plan strategies. The Early Childhood Action Planning Committee and regional Building Bright Futures Councils are seeking input on the proposed strategies to include in the Early Childhood Action Plan. [Click here](#) to complete a survey (starting January 20th through January 30th) about the strategies. Visit the Governor's [Action Planning webpage](#) for more information about this work.

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How Equal Pay for Working Women would Reduce Poverty and Grow the American Economy

According to a regression [analysis](#) of federal data by the [Institute for Women's Policy Research](#) (IWPR), the poverty rate for working women would be cut in half if women were paid the same as comparable men. The analysis—prepared by IWPR for use in The Shriver Report's [A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink](#), produced in partnership with the [Center for American Progress](#)—also estimates that the U.S. economy would have produced income of \$447.6 billion more if women received equal pay, which represents 2.9 percent of 2012 gross domestic product (GDP).

Persistent earnings inequality for working women translates into lower pay, less family income, and more poverty in families with a working woman. About 71 percent of all mothers in the United States work for pay. One-third (32 percent) are single mothers and often the sole support of their families.

“[The Shriver Report](#) emphasizes that women play a vital role in the American economy and in the financial security of families around the country,” said IWPR President [Heidi Hartmann, Ph.D.](#) “Paying women fairly for their work would go a long way in reducing poverty and giving the economy the jump start it needs.”

Additional findings from [IWPR's analysis](#) include:

- Nearly 60 percent (59.3 percent) of women would earn more if working women were paid the same as men of the same age with similar education and hours of work.
- The poverty rate for women would be cut in half, falling to 3.9 percent from 8.1 percent among working women. The very high poverty rate for working single mothers would fall by nearly half, from 28.7 percent to 15.0 percent.
- The total increase in women's earnings with pay equity represents more than 14 times what the Federal and state governments spent in fiscal year 2012 on Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

Excerpts from The Shriver Report, [A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink](#), and additional information are available at [ShriverReport.org](#) and [AmericanProgress.org](#).

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