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Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) presents a Women's Issues Listening Forum
Wednesday, October 8th 5:30-7 pm
City Hall, St. Albans

One of many events commemorating VCW's 50th anniversary this year - plan to attend this evening event in lovely St. Albans. Stay tuned to VIEW for more details.

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Women Business Owners Network (WBON) summer events

Wine and Networking Night
Wednesday, July 16, 5:30- 7:30 pm
East Shore Vineyard Tasting Room, 28 Church Street, Burlington

Join WBON for a night to network and mingle with women business owners, women in business, friends, peers or some fresh new faces while celebrating with wine at the East Shore Vineyard Tasting Room on Church Street. \$5 at the door to support WBON and cash bar.

30th Anniversary Cruise
Wednesday, August 6, 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Spirit of Ethan Allen Sunset Cruise on Lake Champlain

Members, guests, friends and significant others welcome! Included with your ticket is a glass of champagne and anniversary cake on the Spirit of Ethan Allen sunset cruise. Additional beverages and food can be purchased on the cruise once we set sail! All registrations must be received by July 18th. Cost: \$30.

More info and to register for either event [here](#).

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New England Women's Policy Conference: The Unfinished Agenda
Friday, November 7th 10-5 pm
John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum
Columbia Point, Boston, Mass

Please mark your calendars and plan to join your Vermont colleagues for this important New England-wide conference. Stay tuned to VIEW for more details. This event will be sponsored by the Commissions on Women in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont, as well as Rhode Island's Women's Fund, New Hampshire Women's Initiative, the JFK Library and Museum, and the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at UMass Boston.

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Families In Three States Are Benefiting From Paid Family Leave Policies

Only [12 percent](#) of the U.S. workers have access to paid family leave through their employers. That means millions of workers who develop serious health conditions, have seriously ill family members or become parents are forced to choose between what is best for them and their families and income they need to cover basic expenses. The Family and Medical Leave Act – the only federal law designed to help working people meet the dual demands of job and family – [leaves out 40 percent of the workforce](#) and guarantees only unpaid leave, which millions cannot afford to take.

In 2002, California became the first state to pass a Paid Family Leave program. The program has been enormously successfully, benefitting more than 1.6 million Californians since implementation. Research shows that California's paid leave program has improved worker retention and increased productivity, profitability and morale. More than [9 in 10 employers](#) report no costs – or cost-savings – from the program. Since 2009, New Jersey's law has allowed more than 160,000 workers to take paid family leave, the vast majority of who used it to care for new babies. The [program has had no negative impact on businesses](#), many employers have reported increased employee morale as a result, and more than 3 in 4 [New Jerseyans support the law](#). In 2013, Rhode Island became the third state to adopt a family leave insurance program, breaking ground by protecting the jobs of all workers who need to take time to care for family members.

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League of Women Voters Host July Fundraiser
Saturday, July 20th, 10 – 4
North- and southbound I89 Welcome Centers in Williston (Exit 12)

For the fourth consecutive year, the Leagues of the Champlain Valley and Central Vermont will be serving coffee and treats at both north- and southbound I89 Welcome Centers in Williston (Exit 12). Donations for the refreshments benefit the League's Education Fund, which grants three \$750 scholarships to the winners of the Fund's essay contest for high school seniors, and supports other League voter service activities. Stop in and fuel up! League of Women Voters of Vermont [Facebook page](#) / [website](#).

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New National Partnership for Women & Families Report Issues Vermont a “C+” Grade

A new state-by-state analysis shows how little the nation supports and protects working mothers and fathers when a new child arrives – and Vermont has a long way to go when it comes to helping its new parents. The study, [Expecting Better: A State-by-State Analysis of Laws That Help New Parents](#), is the most comprehensive analysis to date of state laws and regulations governing paid leave and workplace rights for new parents in the United States. Vermont earned a grade of “C+” for having put in place some, but not enough, supportive policies that expand upon minimal federal protections. The analysis was conducted by the National Partnership for Women & Families. The full report, which grades all 50 states and the District of Columbia based on the enactment of select laws that expand upon federal leave and workplace protections, can be found [here](#). Paid leave for new mothers is guaranteed in 181 other nations, and 81 nations guarantee paid leave for new fathers.

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The U.S. Department of Education is inviting the public to comment on new regulations that would implement changes to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act). Comment period ends Monday, July 21st. More info [here](#).

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Got a question or concern about Vermont Health Connect? Find local representatives and assistance in their [events calendar](#).

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Film screening: Obvious Child
Tuesday July 1st at 6:00 p.m.
Savoy Theater in Montpelier, 26 Main Street

Immediately after the film, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England will present a panel with leading local reproductive health advocates.

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Vermont Commission on Women Executive Director Cary Brown was among the Vermont contingent attending the White House Summit on Working Families, which took place in Washington D.C., on June 23rd. Read more about [summit outcomes here](#). Read about the issues the summit focused on [here](#). Read our pre-event press release [here](#).

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Let's Grow Kids Campaign Speakers Bureau Training Sessions
Vermont Early Childhood Alliance, c/o Vermont Community Loan Fund

- Wednesday, July 9 at the Central Vermont Medical Center 130 Fischer Road, Berlin
- Friday, July 11 at the Barton United Church, 15 Glover Road, Barton
- Monday, July 14 at the Mark Skinner Library, 48 West Road, Manchester

Do you feel passionate about the importance of the early years in the lives of children? Are you ready to share your story? Vermont's Let's Grow Kids campaign is organizing a Speakers Bureau – a diverse network of trained speakers who are willing to talk about the campaign at Rotary Clubs, board meetings, playgroups, staff meetings, congregation committees, or other gatherings. Interested? [Click here](#) for more info or to sign up. Once you've completed the session, a coordinator will assist you with support and materials. To sign up for the Speakers Bureau, RSVP for a training, or to ask a Speakers Bureau member to attend an event in your area, contact [Kelly Ault](#), Let's Grow Kids Campaign Speakers Bureau Coordinator at 802-272-0795 or kelly@vteca.org.

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So You Want to Start a Business? First Steps to Get You Going
Vermont Women's Business Center
Wednesday, July 9th, 4-6 p.m., 20 Gable Place, Barre

More info or to register: 802.479.9813 www.vwbc.org facebook: [VtWBC](#)

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